
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE ORDER TO TERMINATE INDIVIDUAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAN NICOLAS ISLAND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT BUILDING 27, SAN NICOLAS ISLAND, CALIFORNIA 93042 (FILE NO. 71-012, ORDER NO. 94-006, MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. CI-5786, GLOBAL ID WDR100001876)

Dear Mr. Jacobsen:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of ground and surface water quality for all beneficial uses of water within major portions of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The facility referenced above is located within the Regional Water Board jurisdiction.

On December 20, 1993, the Regional Water Board authorized the Department of the Navy, U. S. Naval Air Weapons Station, Point Mugu to discharge treated wastewater from the San Nicolas Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (SNI WWTP) under individual waste discharge requirements (WDRs) contained in Order No. 94-006. The SNI WWTP serves a small Naval facility on San Nicolas Island with an average population of 240 Navy personnel and contractors, the majority of which are temporary or transient residents.

On July 1, 2020, the Regional Water Board received your application, including a technical report, for enrollment under General Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ, General Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (General WDRs), adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on September 23, 2014. The application identified the Naval Base Ventura County (Discharger) as the owner of the WWTP and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest as the operator.

On October 26, 2021, the Regional Water Board received your *Technical Report Addendum 1 - Additional Change in Design and Operation Information* in response to Regional Water Board's comment on required mitigation measures for handling a 100-year storm event. Addendum 1 provides the required information outlined in the General

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WDRs to justify land application of wastewater that is not disinfected, which includes an overview of SNI WWTP design, operations, and operational changes in support of enrolling the SNI WWTP under the General WDRs.

On June 20, 2022, the Regional Water Board authorized the Discharger to discharge from the SNI WWTP under General Order WQ 2014-0153-DWQ and Monitoring and Reporting Program CI-10667.

The Regional Water Board hereby requests comments on the proposed termination of Order No. 94-006. In accordance with administrative procedures, the Regional Water Board, at a public meeting to be held on November 10, 2022, will consider the enclosed tentative Order, which will terminate Order No. 94-006.

In order to be evaluated by Regional Water Board staff and included in the Regional Water Board's agenda packet, written comments or evidence regarding the tentative termination must be received at the Regional Water Board's office by 5:00 PM on **October 21, 2022**. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Regional Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or evidence into the record. Timely submittal of written comments is required to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Regional Water Board staff can provide timely review and time to respond to comments, and that Regional Water Board members have sufficient time to consider the comments and issues raised.

In accordance with the California Code of Regulations, a public notice will be posted on the Los Angeles Water Board's website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.html#4

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager, Mr. Ryan Nickerson at (213) 620-6119 (Ryan.Nickerson@waterboards.ca.gov) or the Supervisor of Groundwater Permitting Unit, Dr. James Kang at (213) 576-6683 (Jim.Kang@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Tentative Termination Order
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