

**LOS ANGELES  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
ENFORCEMENT REPORT  
May 2013**

The Enforcement Report for May 2013 includes data for February and March 2013 on the following tables:

Tables 1 – 4	<b>Enforcement Summary By Action: February/March 2013</b>	Shows the enforcement actions taken, by type of action.
Table 5	<b>EPLs Issued February and March 2013</b>	Five EPLs were issued in February and March 2013, for a total of \$426,000.
Table 6	<b>EPLs Settled February and March 2013</b>	Three EPLs were settled in February and March 2013, for a total of \$219,000.
Table 7	<b>All Violations Subject to MMPs</b>	Of the 341 cases and 10,346 violations we have been working on from 2000 to date, 60 cases and 1,233 violations remain unresolved.
Table 8	<b>MMP Violations (Identified After Enforcement Initiative)</b>	These violations occurred January 2000-December 2007. Of the 35 cases and 711 violations, 1 case with 8 violations remains unresolved.
Table 9	<b>Current MMP Violations</b>	There are 201 cases with 3,476 violations that occurred since January 2008. 143 of these cases with a total of 2,358 violations have been resolved. This leaves 58 cases and 1,118 violations unresolved.
Table 10	<b>EPL Progress</b>	\$1,470,000 in penalties were collected.
Table 11	<b>Stormwater Compliance Unit Outstanding Enforcement Items</b>	The attached table lists all outstanding Stormwater NOV's dated before October 31, 2012, and tracks the status of compliance.

## Enforcement Unit

### Enforcement Highlights

#### 13267 Investigative Orders:

A total of four (4) 13267 Investigative Orders (Orders) were issued in this reporting period. Orders were issued to: Safeway, Inc. on February 22, 2013 for information related to the unauthorized discharge of wastewater into a storm drain; the City of Alhambra on February 28, 2013 for information related to the City of Alhambra Collection System; and the City of Los Angeles on March 1, 2013 for information related to the unauthorized discharges to the Los Angeles River.

An Order was also issued to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) on March 26, 2013 for information related to the removal of vegetation in the Sepulveda Basin. A brief summary of Regional Board enforcement action related to the vegetation removal follows:

On December 29, 2012, the Regional Board was notified that the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) removed 43 acres of vegetation in the Sepulveda Basin by a news article published in the Los Angeles Times. The site where the vegetation removal occurred is located immediately south of Burbank Boulevard and west of Interstate 405 and Sepulveda Dam along the Los Angeles River.

On January 10, 2013, the Executive Officer issued a 13267 Investigative Order to the USACOE for information related to the vegetation removal. In addition, on February 4, 2013, The Executive Officer issued a Proactive Measures letter to the USACOE to encourage cleanup measures in the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Preserve upland areas and to ensure that the onsite sediment and debris are not discharged to waters of the United States during a storm event.

On February 15, 2013, the USACOE submitted a response to the Investigative Order and an intermediate work plan for Sepulveda Basin. The purpose of the submitted intermediate work plan is to manage debris on site and implement erosion control measures within the area the vegetation was removed.

The USACOE's response to the Investigative Order indicated that the USACOE annually conducts sediment and debris removal projects within a 1,825-foot long segment of the Los Angeles River. On March 26, 2013, the Executive Officer issued another 13267 Investigative Order to the USACOE requesting information related to their annual sediment, debris and/or vegetation removal projects in the Los Angeles River. The USACOE has until April 25, 2013 to submit a response to this Investigative Order.

#### Expedited Payment Program:

A total of five (5) Settlement Offers were issued in this reporting period. The Settlement Offers were issued to: the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority on February 15, 2013 in the amount of \$18,000; the West Basin Municipal Water District on February 21, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000; the El Segundo Energy Center, LLC on March 12, 2013 in the amount of \$3,000; Owens-Illinois, Inc. on March 12, 2013 in the amount of \$396,000; and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California on March 12, 2013 in the amount of \$6,000. The Settlement Offers were issued for alleged effluent and/or reporting violations of NPDES Permits.

**Administrative Civil Liability:**

On February 7, 2013, the Executive Officer issued an Order on Complaint to Mr. Edward Waymire, Waymire Drum Company, Mr. Rafiel Shahbazian, and Mitchell Investors, LLC (Dischargers), in the amount of \$107,818 for violating requirements of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R4-2010-0095 (Order). The Dischargers were to submit \$20,000 of the total liability to the Cleanup and Abatement Account by March 11, 2013. The remaining \$87,818 was able to be suspended pending submittal of a complete site conceptual model and resumption of groundwater monitoring by April 1, 2013. To date, the Regional Board has not received payment of the \$20,000 nor the required site conceptual model nor notification of the resumption of groundwater monitoring.

**Table 1. Informal Enforcement Actions**

Action	February 2013	March 2013	FY 2012/2013
Notice of Violations	14	19	159
Stormwater Benchmark Letters	0	0	27
Expedited Payment Letters	2	2	14
<b>Total</b>			<b>200</b>

**Table 2. Formal Enforcement Actions**

Action	February 2013	March 2013	FY 2012/2013
Notice To Comply	2	3	25
Administrative Civil Liability	1	0	17
<b>Total</b>			<b>42</b>

**Table 3. Orders and Directives**

Action	February 2013	March 2013	FY 2012/2013
13267 Orders	12	15	178
<b>Total</b>			<b>178</b>

**Table 4. Compliance Inspections**

Program	February 2013	March 2013	FY 2012/2013
NPDES (Major Permits)	0	4	5
NPDES (Minor Individual Permits)	0	8	12
NPDES (Minor General Permits)	6	1	37
Stormwater (Construction)	31	28	262
Stormwater (Industrial)	21	17	246
Stormwater (Municipal)	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>562</b>

**Table 5. EPL Issued (February and March 2013)**

Facility	Date Issued	Type of Alleged Violation	Amount
Los Angeles City Metropolitan Transportation/I-405 Sepulveda Pass Widening Project	02/15/13	Late Report	\$18,000
West Basin MWD/Carson Regional WRP	02/21/13	Effluent	\$3,000
El Segundo Energy Center, LLC/El Segundo Generating Station Re-development	03/12/13	Effluent	\$3,000
Owens-Illinois, Incorporated/Owens-Brockway Glass Container	03/12/13	Effluent	\$396,000
Water Replenishment District of Southern California/Regional GW monitoring-Dominguez Channel	03/12/13	Effluent	\$6,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$426,000</b>

**Table 6. EPL Settled (February and March 2013)**

Facility	Date Issued	Type of Alleged Violation	Date Paid	Date Stipulated Order Issued	Amount
Douglas Emmett Management, LLC/The Trillium	11/06/12	Effluent	02/12/13	02/06/13	\$192,000
Douglas Emmett Management, LLC/Century Park Plaza	10/18/12	Effluent	02/11/13	01/31/13	\$24,000
San Gabriel Basin WQ Authority/Former JAB Holdings Inc.	11/29/12	Effluent	02/05/13	01/31/13	\$3,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$219,000</b>

**Table 7. All Violations Subject to MMPs  
January 2000-Present**

	No. of Facilities	No. of Violations
<b>Total</b>	341	10,346
<b>Resolved</b>	281	9,113
<b>Pending</b>	60	1,233

**Table 8. MMP Violations  
January 2000-December 2007 (Identified After Enforcement Initiative)**

	No. of Facilities	No. of Violations
<b>Total</b>	35	711
<b>Resolved</b>	34	703
<b>Pending</b>	1	8

**Table 9. Current MMP Violations  
January 2008-March 2013**

	No. of Facilities	No. of Violations
<b>Total</b>	201	3,476
<b>Resolved</b>	143	2,358
<b>Pending</b>	58	1,118

**Table 10. EPL Progress (February/March 2013 and Fiscal Year 12/13)**

Action Type	No. of Violations Feb 2013	No. of EPLs Feb 2013	No. of Violations Mar 2013	No. of EPLs Mar 2013	No. Violations Fiscal Year (12/13)	No. of EPLs Fiscal Year (12/13)
<b>EPLs Issued</b>	7	2	135	3	298	15
<b>EPLs Resolved</b>	73	3	0	0	490	24
<b>EPLs Withdrawn</b>	28	1	5	1	51	6
<b>Total Amount Collected</b>						\$1,470,000

**Table 11. STORMWATER COMPLIANCE UNIT OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENT ITEMS,  
MARCH 2013 DATA**

This table lists stormwater NOV's that have not been complied with. The information is arranged by permit type – industrial and construction.  
**Industrial General Permit**

WDID#	Issuance Date	Due Date	Facility Name	Sector	Enforcement Type	Violation	Staff	Staff Comments
419I005336	7/6/2012	8/06/2012	Rehrig Pacific Co.	Plastic Products	NOV	Deficient BMP Implementation	WL	Ongoing since 07/2012.
Non-Filer	10/12/2012	4/4/2012	Sun Plastic Inc.	Plastic Products	NOV	Failure to Obtain Permit	LV	Follow up to be conducted.
419I000584	2/21/2013	2/21/2013	Al's Plating Co. Inc.	Electroplating, Plating, Polishing, and Anodizing, and Coloring	NOV	Late Annual Report No SWPPP Deficient BMP Implementation	AR	2 <sup>nd</sup> NOV was issued and no response was received. Follow up to be conducted.
456I020995	12/20/2012	1/21/2013	Vintage South Mountain	Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	NOV	Deficient Annual Report/Incomplete/Insufficient SWPPP/Deficient BMP Implementation	AA	Ongoing. Follow up to be conducted.
419I018179	12/21/2012	1/30/2013	Mission Recycling	Scrap and Waste Materials	NOV	Deficient BMP Implementation	OG	Follow up to be conducted.
Non-Filer	12/21/2012	1/21/2013	MG Paint	Paint/Blending manufacturing	NOV	Failure to Obtain Permit	LV	Follow up to be conducted.

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NOV	Notice of Violation
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

4191001794	4/12/2013	5/13/2013 -	Sunrise Wood Products	Millwork	NOV	Deficient Annual Report/ Late Annual Report/ Incomplete/Insufficient SWPPP/Deficient BMP Implementation	AR	Ongoing.
4191003359	1/11/2013	2/11/2013	Westway Auto Dismantlers	Motor Vehicle Parts, Used	NOV	Deficient BMP Implementation/ Deficient Annual Report/ Incomplete/Insufficient SWPPP	AR	Follow up to be conducted.
Non-Filer	10/16/2012	12/17/2012	Mitchell Investors LLC	Auto Repair and Dismantling	NOV	Failure to Obtain Permit	SL	Follow up to be conducted.
4191002002	1/18/2013	2/18/2013	Safeway Inc.	Produces gaseous, and energy drinks	NOV	Unauthorized NSWD/ Deficient BMP Implementation	LV	Ongoing.
4191023352	2/26/2013	3/26/2013	Tru Form Industries, Inc.	Sheet Metal Work/Fabricated Metal Products	NOV	Unauthorized NSWD/No SWPPP/Deficient BMP Implementation	LV	Ongoing.
4191021826	2/28/2013	3/28/2013	Cemera Long Beach	Wood Preserving	NOV	Deficient BMP Implementation	SL	Ongoing.
4561020995	2/28/2013	3/28/2013	Vintage South Mountain	Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	NOV	Deficient BMP Implementation	SL	Ongoing.
419101891	3/6/2013	4/8/2013	Universal Auto Parts & Dismantling Inc.	Motor Vehicle Parts, Used	NOV	Incomplete/Insufficient SWPPP	EL	Follow up to be conducted.

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419102030	3/15/2013	4/15/2013	Aerospace Dynamics	Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary Equipment	NOV	Deficient BMP Implementation	SL	Ongoing.
Non-Filer	3/20/2013	4/20/2013	Sun Plastic Inc.	Fabricates plastic bags from plastic pellets	NOV	Failure to Obtain Permit	LV	Ongoing.

### Construction General Permit

WDID#	Issuance Date	Due Date	Facility Name	Sector	Enforcement Type	Violation	Staff	Staff Comments
419C348080	12/07/2011	01/09/2012	Villa Rotonda	Construction site	NOV	Incomplete/Insufficient SWPPP, Late Annual Report	LV	Follow up to be conducted.
419C361951	3/14/2013	4/15/2013	Riverside Drive Viaduct Over Los Angeles	Construction Site	NOV	Deficient BMP Implementation	AR	Ongoing, site was re-inspected on 3/22/13. Not in full compliance yet.

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