TSO Application Guide

Consider requesting a Time Schedule Order (TSO) Request if both of the following apply to your facility:

1) Your review of your sampling data shows that you will exceed the new Numerical Effluent Limits (NELs) that will be active July 1, 2020.
2) The modified control measures needed for compliance with the Industrial General Permit cannot be designed, installed or put into operation before the date the NELs become active, July 1, 2020.

*If You exceed the Numeric Effluent Limits (NELs) after July 1, your facility is subject to Mandatory Minimum Penalties.

If your facility is going to send in a TSO Request, please include the following information about your facility:

1) Description of industrial activities done at the facility.
   a. Include type of operation, SIC code, and SIC Title.
   b. Include Facility areas, total and industrial.
   c. Include the date of the most recently uploaded Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and area of the facility.
2) Names of the impaired waterbodies.
   a. Include which water body the facility discharges to, the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) associated with the water body, and the parameters associated with the TMDL.
3) The additional TMDL-related NEL requirements.
   a. Include the NEL parameters associated with the water body TMDLs.
4) The pollutants of concern.
   a. Include the parameters associated with the facility’s discharge, determined by a pollutant source assessment and compared to the NEL compliance tables (Attachment E of Industrial General Permit).
5) A discussion on past monitoring data and the NEL requirements to demonstrate that the discharge cannot consistently comply with the NEL.
   a. Look at discharger’s monitoring data from the facility’s 2018/2019 reporting year and 2019/2020 reporting year samples for the pollutants of concern. Include a maximum and minimum data result for each parameter. Also, include the NELs for each parameter.
6) An identification of the statutory justification of requesting a TSO.
   a. Include a requested Interim Effluent Limit for each parameter and include justification for this request.

7) A detailed plan and time schedule that includes a discussion of the planned changes to the facility's minimum BMPs, advanced BMPs, operational, or structural modifications that have been identified to correct or prevent the violation of the relevant NELs.
   a. Include a detailed description of the current system (BMPs) in place.
   b. Include a detailed description of the proposed system (BMPs) that will be applied.
   c. Include a time schedule, and a proposed date of completion.
      i. Time Schedule Dates include Begin Design, Complete Design, Begin CEQA, Begin Construction, Complete Construction, Implementation Date as applicable to the facility.
   d. The plan and schedule should include a discussion of any new or modified control measures that are needed to comply with the NEL.

8) A discussion as to why the new or modified control measures that are needed to comply with the NEL cannot be put into operation within 30 calendar days from July 1, 2020.

9) A discussion of any technological, operational, and economic factors that may affect the design, development, and implementation of the control measures identified by the discharger as necessary to comply with the NEL.

10) If the discharger seeks a time schedule longer than 1 year, a specific statement as to how much time is being requested (no longer that 5 years) and a justification as to why that amount of time is as short as possible.