

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. R1-2004-0064

FOR

CITY OF HEALDSBURG
WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITY

Sonoma County

WASTEWATER MONITORING

Composite samples may be taken by a proportional-sampling device approved by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer (Executive Officer) or by grab samples composited in proportion to flow. In compositing grab samples, the sampling interval shall not exceed one hour. The following shall constitute the wastewater monitoring program:

INFLUENT MONITORING

Constituent	Units	Type of Sample	Frequency
BOD (20°C, 5-day)	mg/l	24-hour composite	weekly
Suspended Solids	mg/l	24-hour composite	weekly
Flow (Peak, Mean)	mgd	meter	continuous

MONITORING DISCHARGE TO THE BASALT POND

The discharge point shall be monitored for all of the constituents listed below:

Constituent	Units	Type of Sample	Frequency	Analytical Method ¹
BOD (20°C, 5-day)	mg/l	24-hour composite	weekly	Standard Methods ²
Suspended Solids	mg/l	24-hour composite	weekly	Standard Methods
Settleable Solids	ml/l	grab	weekly	Standard Methods
Total Coliform Organisms	MPN/100 ml	grab	weekly	Standard Methods
Hydrogen Ion	pH	grab	weekly	Standard Methods

¹ In accordance with Section 2.4 of the SIP, the Permittee shall report the ML and MDL for each sample result. The ML shall be selected from Appendix 4 of the SIP. The laboratory's current MDL shall be determined by the procedure found in 40 CFR 136 (revised as of May 14, 1999).

² In accordance with the current edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (American Public Health Administration) or current test procedures specified in 40 CFR Part 136.

Constituent	Units	Type of Sample	Frequency	Analytical Method ³
Chlorine Residual ⁴	mg/l	meter	continuous	Standard Methods
Temperature	°F or °C	grab	weekly	Standard Methods
Copper	µg/l	grab	monthly	EPA Method 200
Acute Toxicity Bioassay ⁵	grab	grab	annually	See section below
Chronic Toxicity Bioassay	TUc	grab	annually	See section below
CTR Priority Pollutants ⁶	µg/l	grab	Every 5 years	Not specified
Flow (Mean)	mgd	meter ⁷	continuous	Not applicable

EFFLUENT ACUTE TOXICITY MONITORING

Effluent acute toxicity monitoring requirements as specified in General Provision I.23 of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2004-0064 shall be monitored as follows:

1. Acute Toxicity Monitoring Requirements

- a. Sampling: The Permittee shall collect grab samples of treated effluent for acute toxicity testing as indicated below. For the 96-hour static renewal toxicity tests, grab samples collected on consecutive days are required. For the 96-hour static non-renewal test, only one grab sample is required.
- b. Test Species: The Permittee shall conduct 96-hour static renewal or static non-renewal tests with an invertebrate, the water flea, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, and a vertebrate, the rainbow trout, *Orncorhynchus mykiss*, for the first two suites of tests. After this screening period, annual monitoring shall be conducted using the most sensitive species. The Permittee shall re-screen once with the two species listed above and continue to monitor with the most sensitive species at least once every five years.

³ In accordance with Section 2.4 of the SIP, the Permittee shall report the ML and MDL for each sample result. The ML shall be selected from Appendix 4 of the SIP. The laboratory's current MDL shall be determined by the procedure found in 40 CFR 136 (revised as of May 14, 1999).

⁴ Samples collected to demonstrate complete dechlorination shall be collected at a point following disinfection and prior to discharge to the Basalt Pond. All chlorine residual measurements shall be reported as total chlorine residual.

⁵ Acute toxicity shall be reported as in either TUa or as Percent Survival, in accordance with General Provision I.23 of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2004-0064.

⁶ In accordance with Section 1.3 of the SIP, the Permittee shall conduct receiving water and ambient monitoring (at least once prior to the reissuance of its NPDES permit) for priority pollutants for which water quality criteria or objectives apply and for which no effluent limitations have been established.

⁷ The recorded data shall be maintained by the Permittee for at least three years.

- c. Methodology: Sample collection, handling and preservation shall be in accordance with EPA protocols. The presence of acute toxicity shall be estimated as specified in *Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater and Marine Organisms* (U.S. EPA Report No. EPA 600/4-90-027F, 4th edition or subsequent editions), or other methods approved by the Executive Officer. A concurrent reference toxicant test shall be performed for each test.
- d. Dilution Series: Where the LC50 is calculated, the Permittee shall conduct tests of effluent at 100 percent, 75 percent, 50 percent, 25 percent, and 12.5 percent of its initial strength. Dilution and control waters shall be obtained from an area unaffected by the discharge in the receiving waters. Standard dilution water may be used if the above sources exhibit toxicity or if approved by the Executive Officer. Where the t-test is used instead of the LC50, the Permittee shall conduct tests using 100 percent effluent and a control.

2. Acute Toxicity Reporting Requirements

- a. Routine Reporting: Toxicity test results for the current reporting period shall include, at a minimum, for each test:
 - i. sample date(s) and location
 - ii. test initiation date
 - iii. test species
 - iv. end point values for each dilution, if applicable
 - v. NOEC value(s) in percent effluent
 - vi. TUa values (100/NOEC)
 - vii. Mean percent mortality ($\pm$ s.d.) after 96 hours in 100 percent effluent, if applicable
 - viii. NOEC and LOEC values for reference toxicant test(s)
 - ix. Available water quality measurements for each test (ex. pH, DO, temperature, conductivity, hardness, salinity, ammonia)
- b. Compliance Summary: The results of the acute toxicity testing shall be provided in the most recent self-monitoring report and shall include a summary table of acute toxicity data from at least three of the most recent samples. The information in the table shall include the items listed above under 2.a., item numbers i, iii, v, vi, vii, and viii.

EFFLUENT CHRONIC TOXICITY MONITORING

Effluent chronic toxicity monitoring requirements as specified in General Provision I.24 of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2004-0064 shall be monitored as follows:

1. Chronic Toxicity Monitoring Requirements

- a. Sampling: The Permittee shall collect grab samples of treated effluent for critical life stage toxicity testing as indicated below. For toxicity tests requiring renewals, grab samples collected on consecutive days are required.

- b. **Test Species:** Chronic toxicity shall be monitored by using critical life stage tests and the most sensitive test species identified by screening phase testing in General Provision I.24 of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2004-0064. The use of a different test species, in lieu of conducting tests using the required test species may be considered/approved by the Executive Officer on a case-by-case basis upon submittal of the documentation supporting the Permittee's determination that a different species is more sensitive and appropriate. Two test species may be required if test data indicate that there is alternating sensitivity between the two species.
- c. **Methodology:** Sample collection, handling and preservation shall be in accordance with EPA protocols. The test methodology used shall be in accordance with the references cited in this Permit, or as approved by the Executive Officer. A concurrent reference toxicant test shall be performed for each test.
- d. **Dilution Series:** The Permittee shall conduct tests of effluent at 100 percent, 75 percent, 50 percent, 25 percent, and 12.5 percent of its initial strength. Dilution and control waters shall be obtained from an area unaffected by the discharge in the receiving waters. Standard dilution water may be used if the above sources exhibit toxicity or if approved by the Executive Officer.

2. Chronic Toxicity Reporting Requirements

- a. **Routine Reporting:** Toxicity test results for the current reporting period shall include, at a minimum, for each test:
 - i. sample date(s)
 - ii. test initiation date
 - iii. test species
 - iv. end point values for each dilution (e.g., number of young, growth rate, percent survival)
 - v. NOEC value(s) in percent effluent
 - vi. IC₁₅, IC₂₅, IC₄₀, and IC₅₀ values (or EC₁₅, EC₂₅...etc.) in percent effluent
 - vii. TUC values (100/NOEC, 100/IC₂₅, 100/ EC₂₅)
 - viii. Mean percent mortality ($\pm$ s.d.) after 96 hours in 100 percent effluent (if applicable)
 - ix. NOEC and LOEC values for reference toxicant test(s)
 - x. IC₅₀ or EC₅₀ value(s) for reference toxicant test(s)
 - xi. Available water quality measurements for each test (ex. pH, DO, temperature, conductivity, hardness, salinity, ammonia)
- b. **Compliance Summary:** The results of the chronic toxicity testing shall be provided in the most recent self-monitoring report and shall include a summary table of chronic toxicity data from at least three of the most recent samples. The information in the table shall include the items listed above under 2.a., item numbers i, iii, v, vi (IC₂₅ or EC₂₅), vii, and viii.

BASALT POND MONITORING

Samples shall be taken upstream and downstream of the point of discharge, at locations approved by the Executive Officer. The Basalt Pond shall be monitored for all of the constituents or parameters listed below:

Constituent	Units	Type of Sample	Frequency
BOD (20°C, 5-day)	mg/l	grab	monthly
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/l	grab	monthly
Hydrogen Ion	pH Units	grab	monthly
Turbidity	NTU	grab	monthly
Temperature	°F or °C	grab	weekly
Fecal Coliform Organisms	MPN/100 ml	grab	monthly
Hardness	mg/l as CaCO ₃	grab	monthly

BASALT POND FLOW RATE MONITORING

The Permittee shall submit, for Executive Officer approval, a monitoring plan to demonstrate compliance with Discharge Prohibition A.9 on or before April 6, 2005. This plan shall include a method to determine the rate and volume of flow leaving the Basalt Pond and a method to monitor compliance with the one percent flow prohibition.

MONTHLY REPORT

The purpose of the report is to document treatment performance, effluent quality and compliance with waste discharge requirements prescribed by Order No. R1-2004-0064. For each calendar month, a self-monitoring report shall be submitted⁸ to the Regional Water Board in accordance with the following:

1. The report shall be submitted by the first day of the second month following sampling.
2. *Letter of Transmittal:* Each report shall be submitted with a letter of transmittal. This letter shall include the following:
 - a. Identification of facility: Name, address, WDID number, Order number;
 - b. Date of report and monitoring period;
 - c. Identification of all violations of effluent limitations or other discharge requirements found during the monitoring period;

⁸ The word "submit" in this Monitoring and Reporting Program means that the document must be actually received by the Regional Water Board on the applicable due date.

- d. Details of the violations: parameters, magnitude, test results, frequency, and dates; the cause of the violation;
 - e. Discussion of corrective actions taken or planned to resolve violations and prevent recurrence, and dates or time schedule of action implementation.
 - f. Authorized signature and certification statement.
3. *Compliance Evaluation Summary:* Each report shall include a compliance evaluation summary. The summary shall illustrate clearly the WWTF's compliance with all effluent limitations and other waste discharge and reclamation requirements, as required. During periods of no discharge, the reports shall certify no discharge.
4. *Results of Analyses and Observations*
- a. Tabulations of all required analyses, including parameter, sample date and time, sample station, and test result;
 - b. If the Permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this Permit, using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136 or as specified in this Permit, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and report of the data submitted in the discharger monitoring report.
 - c. Calculation of all effluent limitations that require averaging, taking of a median, or other calculation.
5. *Report Submittal:* Copies of each monitoring report shall be mailed to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

ANNUAL REPORT

The Permittee shall submit an annual report to the Regional Water Board for each calendar year. The report shall be submitted by March 1st of the following year. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. Both tabular and, where appropriate, graphical summaries of the monitoring data and disposal and reclamation records from the previous year.
2. Source control activities as required by Section H of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2004-0064.
3. Collection system activities as required by General Provision I.15.d. of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2004-0064.

4. A comprehensive discussion of the facility's compliance with all effluent limitations and other waste discharge and reclamation requirements; and the corrective actions taken or planned, which may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with the Permit.

Ordered by Catherine Kuhlman
Catherine E. Kuhlman
Executive Officer

October 6, 2004

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