

# News Release

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## Pulp Mill Owner to Pay \$463,000 Fine in Settlement of Water Pollution Violations

SANTA ROSA - The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and Evergreen Pulp, Inc., have reached a settlement for water pollution caused by the company's operation of the Pulp Mill situated on Humboldt Bay on the Samoa spit. The settlement is the result of negotiations following charges by the Regional Board and State Water Resources Control Board Office of Enforcement that Evergreen Pulp, Inc., violated its water pollution discharge permit effluent limitations 29 times and had three wastewater spills during the period of March 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007. For those violations, Evergreen Pulp, Inc., faced a mandatory minimum penalty of \$72,000 and a potential maximum penalty in excess of \$59 billion. The penalty imposed by the settlement more than offsets an estimated \$386,000 the company may have initially benefited through the illegal discharges.

The mission of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the State Water Resources Control Board is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations.

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