



San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

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[The Hertz Corporation Environmental Compliance and Remediation Attn: Mr. Timothy Egan, Sr. Program Manager 225 Brae Boulevard Park Ridge, NJ 07656-0713

Also sent via email: tegan@hertz.com

Subject: Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R2-2013-1009

Against The Hertz Corporation, Doing Business as Rent-A-Car, Oakland

International Airport, Alameda County

Dear Mr. Egan:

Complaint No R2-2013-1009 (Complaint) enclosed with this letter issues an administrative civil liability (ACL) against The Hertz Corporation ("Hertz"), doing business as Rent-A-Car Facility, in the amount of \$18,800. This liability is based on Regional Water Board prosecution staff allegations of an unauthorized discharge of gasoline to soil and groundwater at a Hertz Rent-A-Car facility at 8000 Earhart Road, Oakland, in violation of California Water Code section 13350 (a)(3)...

Hertz must respond to the Complaint by taking one of the following actions:

1. The Complaint can be contested before the Regional Water Board at the following meeting:

Date/Time: November 13, 2013, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Place: First Floor Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building

1515 Clay Street, Oakland

At this meeting, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to impose the ACL (as proposed in the Complaint or for a different amount), decline the ACL enforcement, or refer the matter to the Attorney General for judicial enforcement at a public hearing.

Please refer to the enclosed Notice of Pending Enforcement Action, the Hearing Procedure for ACL Complaint, and the ACL Fact Sheet for additional information about the Regional Water Board's process, hearing procedure, and important deadlines (for submitting comments or evidence, obtaining designated party status, waiving or postponing a hearing, making objections or rebuttals to evidence, etc.).

2. The public hearing scheduled (above) can be waived to pursue one of the following options:

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The Hertz Corporation

- a. Agree to pay the liability as proposed in the Complaint;
- b. Request more time and postpone the date of the public hearing; or
- c. Promptly engage in settlement discussions with the Regional Water Board Prosecution Team.

The enclosed Waiver Form describes these options in further detail. To pursue one of these options, the Waiver Form must be signed, dated, and received by Ms. Yuri Won (a representative of the Regional Water Board Advisory Team) with a copy to the prosecutorial staff contact listed below no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 16, 2013. It is at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Advisory Team to either accept or deny a waiver request. The Advisory Team members will act as impartial advisors to the Regional Water Board, and has taken no part in developing the Complaint.

If you wish to communicate directly with prosecutorial staff (representing the Regional Water Board Prosecution Team) regarding the Complaint, please contact Habte Kifle at (510) 622-2371 or by email at hkifle@waterboards.ca.gov.

Please refer to the letterhead for our mailing address and fax number.

Sincerely,

Dyan C. Whyte Assistant Executive Officer

Enclosures: ACL Complaint No.R2-2013-1009

Waiver Form

Notice of Pending Enforcement Action

Hearing Procedure for ACL Complaint No.R2-2013-1009

ACL Fact Sheet

Copy to (by email only):

Regional Water Board Lyris Enforcement email list Regional Water Board Advisory and Prosecution Teams

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U.S. EPA Region 9

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