

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD,
LOS ANGELES REGION**

ORDER R4-2023-0372

**TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND A
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT
FOR DISCHARGES FROM THE TESORO REFINING & MARKETING COMPANY LLC,
LOS ANGELES REFINERY – CALCINER OPERATIONS**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Los Angeles Water Board), finds:

1. On March 14, 2019, the Los Angeles Water Board adopted Order Number R4-2019-0039, which serves as WDRs and an NPDES permit (NPDES Permit Number CA0059153) for the Tesoro Refining & Marketing Company LLC (Discharger), for the discharge of wastewater and stormwater from the Los Angeles Refinery – Calciner Operations (Facility), located at 2450 Pier B Street, Long Beach, California, to the Cerritos Channel, a water of the United States.
2. Order Number R4-2019-0039 authorized the Discharger to discharge a maximum of 1.1 million gallons per day (MGD) of commingled treated wastewater and stormwater runoff to the Cerritos Channel. However, the Discharger has not discharged since 2005 because the Facility has an onsite stormwater retention basin with retention capacity for 50-year, 24-hour storm event.
3. On May 30, 2023, the Discharger notified the Los Angeles Water Board that the Facility has closed, industrial operations have ceased, and demolition of the Facility has begun. The Discharger filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under Order WQ 2022-0057-DWQ, the General NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities, (Construction General Permit) on August 30, 2023, to cover any discharges that might occur during demolition of the Facility. The NOI was approved on September 5, 2023, and the assigned WDID is 4 19C402066. Since there will be no industrial activities and any stormwater discharges from the Facility will be covered by the Construction General Permit, the Discharger requested termination of Order Number R4-2019-0039.
3. On June 26, 2023, Los Angeles Water Board staff conducted an inspection of the Facility and verified that the Facility's discharge pipe has been air gapped and can no longer discharge through Discharge Point 001 to the Cerritos Channel. Also staff observed that there were no significant materials associated with past industrial activities exposed to stormwater. Stormwater generated onsite will be collected in the settling basins and evaporated. Any excess water will be vacuum trucked off site for disposal. Future stormwater discharges associated with demolition and construction activities are covered under the Construction General Permit.
4. Since the Discharger has eliminated all of the industrial wastewater discharges, and

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there is no potential for discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity, other than construction activities separately covered under the Construction General Permit, the Los Angeles Water Board finds that Order Number R4-2019-0039 is no longer necessary and may be terminated, except for purposes of enforcement.

5. Termination of the WDRs and NPDES permit is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Water Code Section 13389 and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061, subdivision (b)(3) because there is no possibility that termination of these waste discharge requirements may have a significant impact on the environment.
6. The Los Angeles Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to terminate Order Number R4-2019-0039 and has provided them with an opportunity to comment.
7. The Los Angeles Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the tentative termination of Order Number R4-2019-0039.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following WDRs/NPDES permit be terminated:

DISCHARGER NAME (NPDES NO.)	ORDER NO. (ADOPTION DATE)	REASON FOR TERMINATION
Tesoro Marketing and Refining Company LLC, Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery – Calciner Operations (CA0059153)	Order R4-2019-0039 (March 14, 2019)	The Discharger has ceased industrial operations. The Discharger obtained a Construction General Permit for all demolition and construction activities for surface water discharges from the Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery – Calciner Operations Facility located at 2450 Pier B Street Long Beach, California.

The Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board is authorized and directed to certify and submit copies of this Order to the Discharger, and to such individuals and governmental agencies that request copies.

I, Susana Arredondo, Executive Officer, do certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region on November 16, 2023.

for Susana Arredondo
 Executive Officer