

**State of California
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION**

**MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 8573
for
LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
(Project No. 501-Low Flow Diversion)
(NPDES NO. CAG994002)**

I. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Discharger shall implement this monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. The Discharger shall submit monitoring reports to this Regional Board by the dates in the following schedule:

| <u>Reporting Period</u> | <u>Report Due</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| January – March | May 15 |
| April – June | August 15 |
| July – September | November 15 |
| October – December | February 15 |
| Annual Summary Report | March 15 |

- B. The first monitoring report under this Program is due by August 15, 2003. If there is no discharge during any reporting period, the report shall so state. The annual summary report shall contain a discussion of the previous year's effluent monitoring data, as well as graphical and tabular summaries of the data, and must be received by March 15, of each year.
- C. Each monitoring report shall contain a separate section titled "Summary of Non-Compliance" which discusses the compliance record and corrective actions taken or planned that may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with waste discharge requirements. This section shall clearly list all non-compliance with waste discharge requirements, as well as all excursions of effluent limitations.
- D. All monitoring reports shall include discharge limitations in the Order, tabulated analytical data, the chain of custody form, the analytical laboratory report (including, but not limited to: date and time of sampling, date of analyses, method of analysis, and detection limits), and discharge certification statement.
- E. Before commencing a new discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be obtained and analyzed for toxicity, and all the constituents listed on Part E., and Attachment B. of Order No. 97-043. The test results must meet all applicable discharge limitations.

II. SAMPLE COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Daily samples shall be collected each day.
- B. Weekly samples shall be collected on a representative day of each week.
- C. Monthly samples shall be collected on a representative day of each month.
- D. Quarterly samples shall be collected in February, May, August, and November.
- E. Semi-annual samples shall be collected in May and November.
- F. Annual samples shall be collected in November.

III. EFFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

- A. Sampling stations shall be established for each point of discharge and shall be located where representative samples of that effluent can be obtained. The discharger shall notify this Regional Board in writing of the location(s) of the sampling stations once established. Provisions shall be made to enable visual inspection before discharge. If oil sheen, debris, and/or other objectionable materials or odors are present, discharge shall not be commenced before compliance with the requirements is demonstrated. All visual observations shall be included in the monitoring report.
- B. If monitoring result indicates an exceedance of a limit contained in 97-043, the discharge shall be terminated and shall only be resumed after remedial measures have been implemented and full compliance with the requirements has been ascertained.
- C. In addition, as applicable, following the effluent limit exceedance, the discharger shall implement the following accelerated monitoring program:
 - 1. Monthly monitoring shall be increased to weekly monitoring;
 - 2. Quarterly monitoring shall be increased to monthly monitoring; and
 - 3. Semi-annually monitoring shall be increased to quarterly.
 - 4. Annually monitoring shall be increased to semi-annually.

If three consecutive accelerated monitoring events demonstrate full compliance with effluent limits, then the discharger may return to the regular monitoring frequency, with the approval of the Executive Officer of the Regional Board.

- D. The following shall constitute the discharge monitoring program for each outfall location:

| <u>Constituent</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Type of Sample</u> | <u>Minimum Frequency of Analysis</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total Waste Flow | gal/day | record | continuously |
| Temperature | °F | grab | monthly |

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|---|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| pH | pH units | grab | monthly |
| Total Suspended Solids | mg/L | grab | monthly ⁽¹⁾ |
| BOD ₅ 20°C | mg/L | grab | monthly ⁽¹⁾ |
| Turbidity | NTU | Grab | monthly ⁽¹⁾ |
| Settleable Solids | ml/L | grab | monthly ⁽¹⁾ |
| Oil and Grease | mg/L | grab | monthly |
| Sulfides | mg/L | grab | monthly |
| Residual Chlorine | mg/L | grab | monthly |
| Detergent as MBAS | mg/L | grab | monthly |
| Arsenic | µg/L | grab | monthly ⁽¹⁾ |
| Cadmium | µg/L | grab | monthly ⁽¹⁾ |
| Chromium | µg/L | grab | monthly ⁽¹⁾ |
| Copper | µg/L | grab | monthly ⁽¹⁾ |
| Lead | µg/L | grab | monthly ⁽¹⁾ |
| Selenium | µg/L | grab | monthly ⁽¹⁾ |
| Mercury | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Silver | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Benzene | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Toluene | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Ethylbenzene | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Xylene | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Ethylene Dibromide | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Carbon Tetrachloride | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Tetrachloroethylene | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Trichloroethylene | µg/L | grab | annually |
| 1,4-Dichlorobenzene | µg/L | grab | annually |
| 1,1-Dichloroethane | µg/L | grab | annually |
| 1,2-Dichloroethane | µg/L | grab | annually |
| 1,1-Dichloroethylene | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Vinyl Chloride | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Phenolic Compounds (chlorinated) | mg/L | grab | annually |
| Phenols | mg/L | grab | annually |
| Remaining EPA Priority Pollutants (Attachment) | µg/L | grab | annually |
| Acute Toxicity | %survival | grab | annually |

(1) Samples shall be collected weekly for the first monthly of operation and monthly thereafter if no exceedance is observed.

IV. EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING

- A. The discharger shall conduct acute toxicity testing tests on 100% effluent grab samples by methods specified in 40 CFR Part 136 which cites USEPA's Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Water to Freshwater and Marine Organisms, October 2002, (EPA/821-R-02-012) or a more recent edition. Submission of bioassay results should include the information noted on pages 109-113 of the EPA/821-R-02-012 document.
- B. The fathead minnow, *Pimephales promelas*, shall be used as the test species for fresh water discharges and the topsmelt, *Atherinops affinis*, shall be used as the test species for brackish discharges. The method for topsmelt is found in USEPA's Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Marine and Estuarine Organisms, Third Edition, October 2002, (EPA/821-R-02-014).
- C. If the results of the toxicity test yields a survival of less than 90%, then the frequency of analyses shall increase to monthly until at least three test results have been obtained and full compliance with effluent limitations has been demonstrated, after which the frequency of analyses shall revert to annually. Results of toxicity tests shall be included in the first monitoring report following sampling.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR REPORTING

- A. The Discharger shall inform this Regional Board 24 hours before the start of the discharge.
- B. All chemical, bacteriological, and toxicity analyses shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the California Department of Health Services Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) or approved by the Executive Officer. A copy of the laboratory certification shall be provided with the first monitoring report and each time a new and/or renewal is obtained from ELAP.
- C. Samples must be analyzed within allowable holding time as specified in 40 CFR Part 136.3. Proper chain of custody procedures must be followed and a copy shall be submitted with the report.

- D. The monitoring report shall specify the USEPA analytical method used, the Method Detection Limit (MDL) and the Minimum Level (ML)⁽²⁾ (Refer to Appendix A) for each pollutant. For the purpose of reporting compliance with numerical limitations, performance goals, and receiving water limitations, analytical data shall be reported with one of the following methods, as the case may be:
1. An actual laboratory measured value for sample results greater than or equal to the ML; or
 2. "Detected, but Not Quantified (DNQ)" if results are greater than or equal to the laboratory's MDL but less than the ML (the estimated⁽³⁾ chemical concentration of the sample shall also be reported);
 3. "Not-Detected (ND)" for sample results less than the laboratory's MDL with the MDL indicated for the analytical method used.

The ML employed for an effluent analysis shall be lower than the permit limit established for a given parameter, unless the Discharger can demonstrate that a particular ML is not attainable and obtains approval for a higher ML from the Executive Officer. At least once a year, the Discharger shall submit a list of the analytical methods employed for each test and associated laboratory QA/QC procedures.

VI. NOTIFICATION

- A. The Discharger shall notify the Executive Officer in writing prior to discharge of any chemical that may be toxic to aquatic life. Such notification shall include:
1. Name and general composition of the chemical,
 2. Frequency of use,
 3. Quantities to be used,
 4. Proposed discharge concentrations, and
 5. EPA registration number, if applicable.

No discharge of such chemical shall be made prior to obtaining the Executive Officer's approval.

(2) The minimum levels are those published by the State Water Quality Control Board in the Policy for the implementation of Toxic Standards for Inland Surface Water, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California, March 2, 2000. See attached Appendix A.

(3) Estimated chemical concentration is the estimated chemical concentration that results from the confirmed detection of the substance by the analytical method below the ML value.

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- B. The Discharger shall notify the Regional Board via telephone and/or fax within 24 hours of noticing an exceedance above the effluent limits in Order No. 97-043. The Discharger shall provide to the Regional Board within 14 days of observing the exceedance a detailed statement of the actions undertaken or proposed that will bring the discharge into full compliance with the requirements and submit a timetable for correction.

VII. MONITORING FREQUENCIES

Monitoring frequencies may be adjusted by the Executive Officer to a less frequent basis if the Discharger requests same and the request is backed by statistical trends of monitoring data submitted.

Ordered by: _____
Dennis A. Dickerson
Executive Officer

Date: May 5, 2003

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