



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region



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**REVISION OF COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS—CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY—EAST LOS ANGELES WATER SUPPLY WELLS, VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITIES OF COMMERCE AND EAST LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994005, CI—8718)**

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

Discharges of groundwater from the above-referenced project is currently regulated under NPDES General Permit No. CAG994005 (Order No. R4-2003-0108), adopted by this Board on August 7, 2003. On February 25, 2004, California Water Service Company (CWSC) was enrolled under this general NPDES permit. In your March 23, 2011 letter, CWSC requested a revision of the NPDES permit associated with its enrollment under the General permit to include discharges of groundwater from construction and well development of Well Station No. 53-02. Well Station No. 53-02 is a replacement for Well Station No. 53-01 which has been offline. Staff has reviewed your request and concurs with your proposed revisions.

Enclosed are the Revised Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. R4-2003-0108 and Revised Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8718. Discharge limitations in Part E.1. and E.2 of Order No. R4-2003-0108 are applicable to your discharge. The groundwater discharge flows into Los Angeles River (between Figueroa Street and Los Angeles River Estuary). Therefore, the discharge limitations in Attachment B.7.d of Order No. R4-2003-0108 are applicable to your discharge. Prior to starting the discharge, a representative sample of the effluent must be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations.

The Revised Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, ATTN: Information Technology Unit. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8718 and NPDES No. CAG994005", which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

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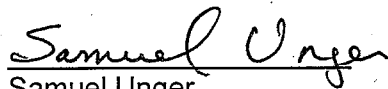
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To avoid paying future annual fees, please submit written request for termination of your enrollment under the general permit in a separate letter, when your project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

We are sending a copy of Order No. R4-2003-0108 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order sent to you previously. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it, or it can be obtained at our website address at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/adopted_orders/)

If you have any questions, please contact Vilma Correa at (213) 576-6794.

Sincerely,



Samuel Unger  
Executive Officer

Enclosures:

General NPDES No. CAG994005, Order No. R4-2003-0108  
Revised Fact Sheet  
Revised Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8718

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**REVISED FACT SHEET  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY  
(EAST LOS ANGELES WATER SUPPLY WELLS)**

**(ORDER NO. R4-2003-0108, SERIES NO. 011)  
NPDES NO. CAG994005  
CI-8718**

**FACILITY ADDRESS**

(Various locations, see table below)

**FACILITY MAILING ADDRESS**

3316 West Beverly Boulevard  
Montebello, CA 90640

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

California Water Service Company (CWSC) discharges groundwater associated with the well redevelopment and conducting of pumping tests at the wells listed below. The discharges covered by this permit includes groundwater from potable water supply wells generated during well purging for data collection purposes, groundwater extracted from major well-rehabilitation and redevelopment activities, and groundwater generated from well drilling, construction and development. The pumped groundwater will be collected into sedimentation tanks and will be dechlorinated before being discharged into the storm drain. Prior to discharge (when necessary), the groundwater will be passed through a treatment system consisting of settling tank and granulated activated carbon (GAC) for removal of organics before the discharge.

On February 25, 2004, CWSC was enrolled under this general NPDES permit. In your March 23, 2011 letter, CWSC requested a revision of the NPDES permit associated with its enrollment under the General permit to include discharges of groundwater from the well development and pumping tests from the newly constructed Well Station No. 53-02 in replacement of Well Station No. 53-01 that has been off-line for eight years. Staff has reviewed your request and concurs with your proposed revision.

This authorization covers discharges from the following potable water supply wells:

Well Number	Location	Latitude	Longitude	Receiving Waterbody
7-02	760 S. La Verne Ave. East Los Angeles	34° 1' 17"	118° 9' 40"	Los Angeles River
10-03	4580 E. Washington Blvd. Commerce	34° 0' 21"	118° 9' 59"	Los Angeles River

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Well Number	Location	Latitude	Longitude	Receiving Waterbody
13-02	5243 E. Sheila Street Commerce	34° 0' 7"	118° 9' 60"	Los Angeles River
22-01	1444 S. McDonnell Ave. Commerce	34° 0' 47"	118° 9' 56"	Los Angeles River
25-01	5458 Pomona Blvd. East Los Angeles	34° 1' 55"	118° 9' 9"	Los Angeles River
29-02	1567 S. Gorhart Avenue Commerce	34° 0' 35"	118° 8' 53"	Los Angeles River
37-01	4904 E. Olympic Blvd. East Los Angeles	34° 1' 3"	118° 9' 53"	Los Angeles River
39-01	4541 Dunham Street East Los Angeles	34° 0' 47"	118° 10' 29"	Los Angeles River
43-01	5007 Telegraph Road East Los Angeles	34° 0' 44"	118° 9' 44"	Los Angeles River
51-01	634 ½ S. Atlantic Blvd. East Los Angeles	34° 1' 21"	118° 9' 20"	Los Angeles River
52-01	1214 S. Suno Drive East Los Angeles	34° 0' 53"	118° 10' 23"	Los Angeles River
53-02	1254 Augusta Avenue East Los Angeles	34° 0' 53"	118° 10' 23"	Los Angeles River
54-01	2208 S. Atlantic Blvd. East Los Angeles	34° 0' 20"	118° 9' 45"	Los Angeles River

#### **VOLUME AND DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGE:**

Up to 4.3 million gallons per day of groundwater will be discharged per well during well development and subsequent pumping and aquifer tests. This high rate of discharge is necessary to properly test the aquifer to determine the productive capacity and to properly size the well pumps. This high flow, short-term discharge will last up to one week. The discharge flows into the storm water catch basins located near the facility that drain into Los Angeles River (between Figueroa Street and Los Angeles River Estuary), a water of the United States. The site location map is shown in Figure 1.

#### **APPLICABLE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS**

Based on the information provided, the analytical data showed reasonable potential for toxics to exist in groundwater above the Screening Levels for Potential Pollutants of Concern in Potable Groundwater in Attachment A. Therefore, the effluent limits for toxic compounds in Section E.1. and E.2. are applicable to your discharge. The discharge flows into Los Angeles River (between

Figueroa Street and Los Angeles River Estuary). The effluent limitations in Attachment B.7.d. of the Order are applicable to your discharge.

This Table lists the specific constituents and effluent limitations applicable to the discharge.

Constituents	Units	Discharge Limitations	
		Daily Maximum	Monthly Average
Total Dissolve Solids	mg/L	1500	
Sulfate	mg/L	350	
Chloride	mg/L	190	
Nitrogen <sup>1</sup>	mg/L	8	
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	150	50
Turbidity	NTU	150	50
BOD <sub>5</sub> 20°C	mg/L	30	20
Settleable Solids	ml/L	0.3	0.1
Residual Chlorine	mg/L	0.1	---
Copper (Cu)	µg/L	1000	
Lead (Pb)	µg/L	50	
Total Chromium	µg/L	50	
1,1 Dichloroethane	µg/L	5	
1,1 Dichloroethylene	µg/L	6	
1,1,1 Trichloroethane	µg/L	200	
1,1,2 Trichloroethane	µg/L	5	
1,1,2,2 Tetrachloroethane	µg/L	1	
1,2 Dichloroethane	µg/L	0.5	
1,2-Trans Dichloroethylene	µg/L	10	
Tetrachloroethylene	µg/L	5	
Trichloroethylene	µg/L	5	
Carbon Tetrachloride	µg/L	0.5	
Vinyl Chloride	µg/L	0.5	
Total Trihalomethanes	µg/L	80	
Benzene	µg/L	1	
Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE)	µg/L	5	

<sup>1</sup> Nitrate-nitrogen plus nitrite nitrogen.

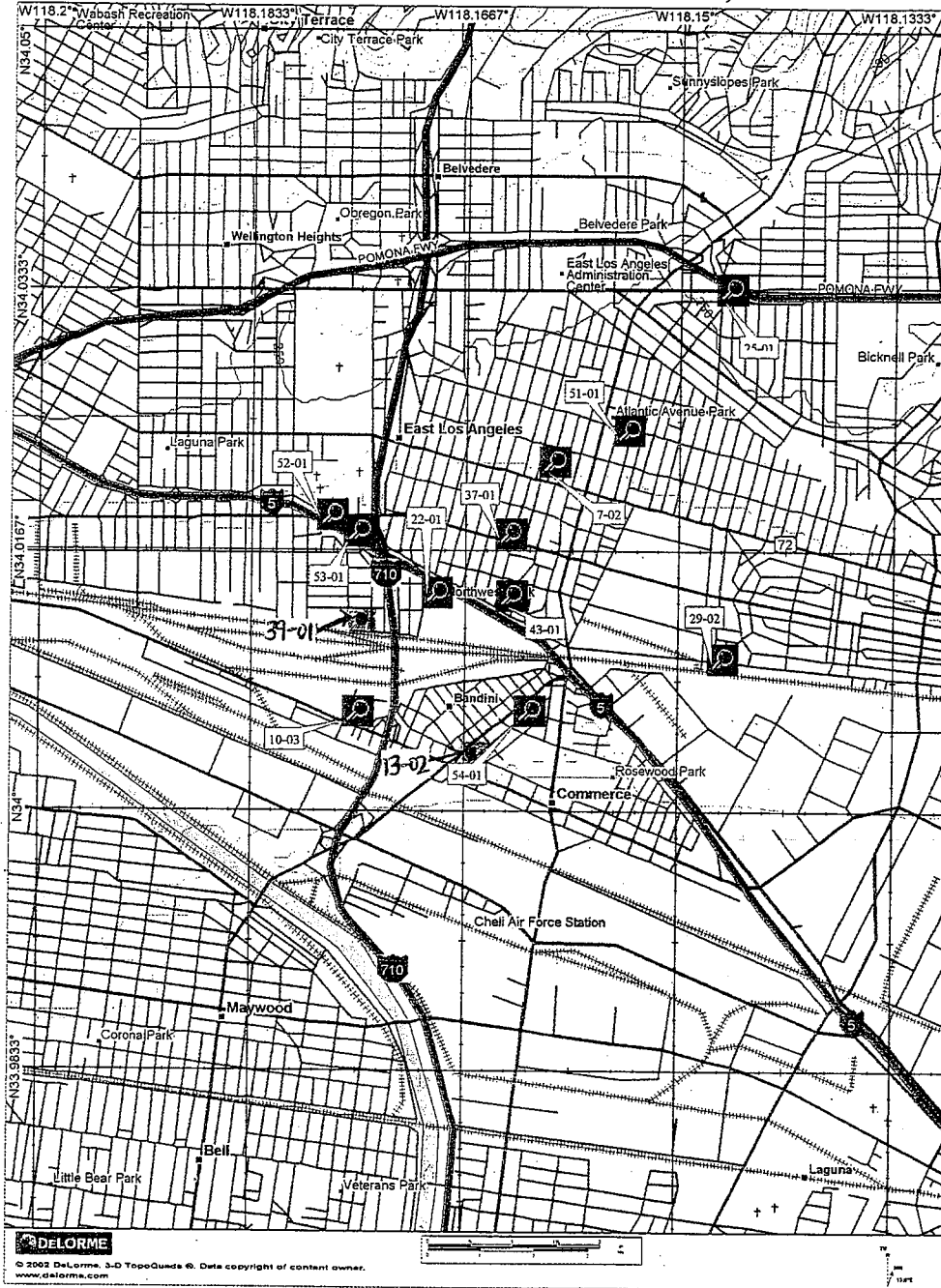
**FREQUENCY OF DISCHARGE:**

The discharge of groundwater will be intermittent and seasonal.

**REUSE OF WATER:**

Offsite disposal of waste is not feasible due to high cost of disposal. Discharge to the sewer is not feasible because of inaccessibility and the high cost of sewer connection. The properties and the immediate vicinities have no landscaped areas that require irrigation. Since there are no feasible reuse options, the groundwater will be discharged to the storm drain at the various locations in compliance with the Attached Order.

# RECEIVING WATER: LOS ANGELES RIVER (LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED)



<i>System Name</i>	<i>Well Number</i>		
East Los Angeles (ELA)	7-02	10-03	13-02
	22-01	25-01	
	29-02	37-01	39-01
	43-01	51-01	
	52-01	53-01	
	54-01		



FIGURE 1

**CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY  
(EAST LOS ANGELES WATER SUPPLY WELLS)**

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

REVISED MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. CI-8718  
FOR  
CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY  
(EAST LOS ANGELES WATER SUPPLY WELLS)

(ORDER NO. R4-2003-0108, SERIES NO. 011)  
(NPDES NO. CAG994005)

I. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. The discharger shall implement this monitoring program on the effective date of this permit. The discharger shall submit monitoring reports to the 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

- B. The first monitoring report under this Program is due by February 15, 2012. If there is no discharge during any reporting period, the report shall so state.
- C. All monitoring reports shall include the discharge limitations in the Order, tabulated analytical data, the chain of custody form, and the laboratory report (including but not limited to date and time of sampling, date of analyses, method of analysis and detection limits).
- D. Each monitoring report shall contain a separate section titled "Summary of Non-compliance" which discusses the compliance record and corrective action 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.
- E. Before commencing a new discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be collected and analyzed for all the constituents listed in the Fact Sheet and the test results must meet all applicable limitations of Order No. R4-2003-0108.

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II. SAMPLE COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS (AS APPROPRIATE)

- 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 station(s) shall be established at the discharge point and shall be located where representative samples of the effluent can be obtained. Provisions shall be made to enable visual inspections before discharge. In the event of presence of oil sheen, debris, and/or other objectionable materials or odors, discharge shall not commence until compliance with the requirements is demonstrated. All visual observations shall be included in the monitoring report.
- B. If monitoring results indicate an exceedance of a limit contained in Order R4-2003-0108, 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 an 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,
  - 3. Semi-annually monitoring shall be increased to quarterly, and
  - 4. Annual monitoring shall be increased to semi-annually.

If three consecutive accelerated monitoring events demonstrate full compliance with effluent limits, 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:

Constituent	Units	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency of Analysis
Flow	gal/day	totalizer	continuously*
pH	pH units	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>

\* Record the monthly total flow and report the calculated daily average flow and monthly flow in the quarterly and annual reports, as appropriate.

Constituent	Units	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency of Analysis
Temperature	°F	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Turbidity	NTU	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
BOD <sub>5</sub> 20°C	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Oil and Grease	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Settleable Solids	ml/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Residual Chlorine	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Sulfate	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Chloride	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Nitrogen <sup>2</sup>	mg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Copper (Cu)	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Lead (Pb)	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Total Chromium	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
1,1 Dichloroethane	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
1,1 Dichloroethylene	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
1,1,1 Trichloroethane	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
1,1,2 Trichloroethane	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
1,1,2,2 Tetrachloroethane	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
1,2 Dichloroethane	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
1,2-Trans Dichloroethylene	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Tetrachloroethylene	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Trichloroethylene	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Carbon Tetrachloride	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Vinyl Chloride	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Total Trihalomethanes	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Benzene	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE)	µg/L	grab	once per discharge event <sup>1</sup>
Acute Toxicity	% survival	grab	annually

#### IV. EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING

- A. The discharger shall conduct acute toxicity testing tests on 100% of the 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

<sup>1</sup> If discharge is continuous for more than one month, the minimum frequency of analysis becomes monthly.

<sup>2</sup> Nitrate-nitrogen plus nitrite-nitrogen

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 certification and/or renewal is obtained from ELAP.
- C. Samples must be analyzed within allowable holding time limits 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. As required in part H.4. of Order No. R4-2003-0108, the monitoring report shall specify the USEPA analytical method used, the Method Detection Limit and the Minimum Level for each pollutant.

#### VI. COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION (AS APPLICABLE)

- A. Compliance with single constituent effluent limitation – If the concentration of the pollutant in the monitoring sample is greater than the effluent limitation and greater than or equal to the reported Minimum Level (see Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Section H.4. of Order R4-2003-0108), then the Discharger is out of compliance.

B. Compliance with monthly average limitations - In determining compliance with monthly average limitations, the following provisions shall apply to all constituents:

- a. If the analytical result of a single sample, monitored monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually, does not exceed the monthly average limit for that constituent, the Discharger has demonstrated compliance with the monthly average limit for that month.
- b. If the analytical result of a single sample, monitored monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually, exceeds the monthly average limit for any constituent, the Discharger shall collect four additional samples at approximately equal intervals during the month. All five analytical results shall be reported in the monitoring report for that month, or 45 days after results for the additional samples were received, whichever is later.

When all sample results are greater than or equal to the reported Minimum Level (see Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Section H.4. of Order R4-2003-0108), the numerical average of the analytical results of these five samples will be used for compliance determination.

When one or more sample results are reported as "Not-Detected (ND)" or "Detected, but Not Quantified (DNQ)" (see Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Section H.4. of Order R4-2003-0108), the median value of these four samples shall be used for compliance determination. If one or both of the middle values is ND or DNQ, the median shall be the lower of the two middle values.

- c. In the event of noncompliance with a monthly average effluent limitation, the sampling frequency for that constituent shall be increased to weekly and shall continue at this level until compliance with the monthly average effluent limitation has been demonstrated.
- d. If only one sample was obtained for the month or more than a monthly period and the result exceed the monthly average, then the Discharger is in violation of the monthly average limit.

C. Compliance with effluent limitations expressed as a sum of several constituents – If the sum of the individual pollutant concentrations is greater than the effluent limitation, then the Discharger is out of compliance. In calculating the sum of the concentrations of a group of pollutants, consider constituents reported as ND or DNQ to have concentrations equal to zero, provided that the applicable ML is used.

- D. Compliance with effluent limitations expressed as a median – in determining compliance with a median limitation, the analytical results in a set of data will be arranged in order of magnitude (either increasing or decreasing order); and
- a. If the number of measurements (n) is odd, then the median will be calculated as  $= X_{(n+1)/2}$ , or
  - b. If the number of measurements (n) is even, then the median will be calculated as  $= [X_{n/2} + X_{(n/2)+1}]/2$ , i.e. the midpoint between the n/2 and n/2+1 data points.
- E. In calculating mass emission rates from the monthly average concentrations, use one half of the method detection limit for "Not Detected" (ND) and the estimated concentration for "Detected, but Not Quantified" (DNQ) for the calculation of the monthly average concentration. To be consistent with section VI.C., if all pollutants belonging to the same group are reported as ND or DNQ, the sum of the individual pollutant concentrations should be considered as zero for the calculation of the monthly average concentration.

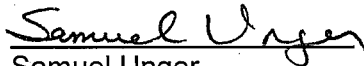
## VII. NOTIFICATION

- A. The discharger shall notify the Executive Officer in writing prior to discharge of any chemical which 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.
- 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. R4-2003-0108. 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.

VIII. MONITORING FREQUENCIES

Monitoring frequencies may be adjusted by the Executive Officer to a less frequent basis if the discharger makes a request and the request is justified by statistical trends of monitoring data submitted. However, monitoring frequency may also increase based on site-specific conditions.

Ordered by:

  
Samuel Unger  
Executive Officer

Date:

October 5, 2011

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