

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

In re:

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

REGULATORY ACTION:

Title 23, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections 3939.9

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY
ACTION

Government Code Section 11349.3

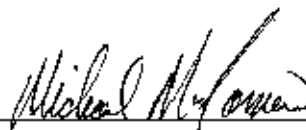
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This amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region updates the ammonia objectives for inland surface waters not characteristic of freshwater such that they are consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency "Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia (Saltwater)-1989."

For inland surface waters not characteristic of freshwater, the proposed objectives are a 4-day average concentration of un-ionized ammonia of 0.035 milligrams per liter (mg/L) and a one-hour average concentration of un-ionized ammonia of 0.233 mg/L. The proposed objectives are fixed concentrations of un-ionized ammonia, independent of pH, temperature, or salinity. The proposed amendment includes an implementation procedure to convert un-ionized ammonia objectives to total ammonia effluent limits. The proposed amendment also simplifies the implementation procedures for translating ammonia objectives into effluent limits in situations where a mixing zone has been authorized by the Regional Board. Finally, the proposed amendment revises the implementation procedure for determining saltwater, brackish or freshwater conditions, to be consistent with the proposed objectives. The proposed objectives will apply only to inland surface waters not characteristic of freshwater (including enclosed bays, estuaries and wetlands) and do not impact the Ammonia Water Quality Objectives for ocean waters contained in the California Ocean plan.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code.

DATE: 09/14/04



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