

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

REVISED MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. R5-2003-0023

FOR
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This Revised Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) describes the requirements for monitoring of septic tanks, treated effluent, leachfields, and groundwater. This MRP is issued pursuant to Water Code Section 13267. The Discharger shall not implement any changes to this MRP unless and until a revised MRP is issued by the Executive Officer. Regional Board staff shall approve specific sample station locations prior to implementation of sampling activities.

This MRP is effective upon the date of signature; however, monitoring of septic tanks, effluent, and leachfields need only be conducted once the discharge of wastewater into the treatment and disposal system commences. In the meantime, the Discharger shall submit monthly status reports as described in the "Reporting" section of this MRP.

All samples shall be representative of the volume and nature of the discharge or matrix of material sampled. The time, date, and location of each grab sample shall be recorded on the sample chain of custody form. Field test instruments (such as those used to measure pH and dissolved oxygen) may be used provided that:

1. The operator is trained in the proper use and maintenance of the instruments;
2. The instruments are calibrated prior to each monitoring event;
3. The instruments are serviced and/or calibrated by the manufacturer at the recommended frequency; and
4. Field calibration reports are submitted as described in the "Reporting" section of the MRP.

SEPTIC TANK MONITORING

The Discharger shall monitor grease traps, septic tanks, and the treatment system and report this information in the annual reports. Grease traps, septic tanks, and the treatment system shall be inspected annually and pumped as described below.

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Measurement</u>	<u>Minimum Inspection</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Sludge depth and scum thickness in each compartment of each grease trap, septic tank, and treatment system	Feet	Staff Gauge	Annually	Annually

Distance between bottom of scum layer and bottom of outlet device	Inches	Staff Gauge	Annually	Annually
Distance between top of sludge layer and bottom of outlet device	Inches	Staff Gauge	Annually	Annually

Grease traps, septic tanks, and the treatment system shall be pumped when any one of the following conditions exist or may occur before the next inspection:

- a. The combined thickness of sludge and scum exceeds one-third of the tank depth of the first compartment; or,
- b. The scum layer is within three inches of the outlet device; or,
- c. The sludge layer is within eight inches of the outlet device.

EFFLUENT MONITORING

Wastewater effluent shall be monitored prior to discharge to the leachfield. Samples shall be collected from the leachfield dosage siphon. Grab samples are considered adequately composited to represent the wastewater. Effluent monitoring shall include, at a minimum, the following:

<u>Constituents</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Flow	gpd	Metered	Continuous	Monthly
pH	Std. units	Grab	Weekly	Monthly
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l	Grab	Weekly	Monthly
BOD ₅ ¹	mg/l	Grab	Weekly	Monthly
Total Coliform Organisms ²	MPN/100 ml	Grab	Weekly	Monthly
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
Nitrates as Nitrogen	mg/l	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/l	Grab	Monthly	Monthly
Standard Minerals ³	mg/l	Grab	Annually	Annually

¹ BOD₅ denotes five-day, 20° Celsius Biochemical Oxygen Demand.

² Using a minimum of 15 tubes or three dilutions.

³ Standard Minerals shall include, at a minimum, the following elements and compounds: boron, calcium, iron, magnesium, manganese, sodium, potassium, chloride, sulfate, total alkalinity (including alkalinity series), and hardness.

LEACHFIELD MONITORING

The Discharger shall conduct a visual inspection of the leachfield on a weekly basis and the results shall be included in the monthly monitoring report. Evidence of surfacing wastewater, erosion, field saturation, runoff, or the presence of nuisance conditions shall be noted in the report. If surfacing water is found, then a sample shall be collected and tested for pH, total coliform organisms, and total dissolved solids. In addition to the visual inspections, monitoring of the leachfields shall include the following:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Application Rate ¹	Gal/acre•day	Calculated	Monthly	Monthly
Leachline Riser Inspection ²	Inches	Measurement	Monthly	Monthly

¹ The application rate for each leachfield

² The Discharger shall measure the depth of any wastewater in each observation port riser. The Discharger shall provide the depth of each disposal trench and the corresponding depth of soil remaining between the ponded wastewater and the surface.

GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Groundwater sampling shall be conducted annually until the discharge of wastewater into the treatment and disposal system commences; once the discharge begins to occur, groundwater sampling and reporting shall occur quarterly. There are currently four groundwater monitoring wells at the facility (MW-1 through MW-4). This monitoring program applies to the four existing wells and to any new wells installed in response to the WDRs. Prior to construction of any additional wells groundwater monitoring wells, the Discharger shall submit plans and specifications to the Board for review and approval. Once installed, all new wells shall be added to the MRP, and shall be sampled and analyzed according to the schedule below.

Prior to sampling, groundwater elevations shall be measured and the wells shall be purged of at least three well volumes until pH and electrical conductivity have stabilized. Depth to groundwater shall be measured to the nearest 0.01 feet. Samples shall be collected using standard EPA methods. Groundwater monitoring shall include, at a minimum, the following:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling and Reporting Frequency⁴</u>
Depth to Groundwater	0.01 Feet	Measurement	Quarterly
Groundwater Elevation ¹	0.01 Feet	Calculated	Quarterly
Gradient	Feet/Feet	Calculated	Quarterly
Gradient Direction	Degrees	Calculated	Quarterly
Total Coliform Organisms	MPN/100ml ²	Grab	Quarterly

	Standard Units	Grab	Quarterly
pH		Grab	Quarterly
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	Grab	Quarterly
Nitrates as Nitrogen	mg/l	Grab	Quarterly
Total Kjeldahl nitrogen	mg/l	Grab	Quarterly
Standard Minerals ³	mg/l	Grab	Annually

¹ Groundwater elevation shall be based on depth-to-water using a surveyed measuring point elevation on the well and a surveyed reference elevation.

² Using a minimum of 15 tubes or three dilutions

³ Standard Minerals shall include, at a minimum, the following elements and compounds: boron, calcium, iron, magnesium, manganese, sodium, potassium, chloride, sulfate, total alkalinity (including alkalinity series), and hardness.

⁴ Sampling and Reporting may be conducted annually until the discharge of wastewater commences at the WWTF. Once the discharge to the WWTF occurs, sampling and reporting shall occur quarterly.

WATER SUPPLY MONITORING

A sampling station shall be established where a representative sample of the municipal water supply can be obtained. Water supply monitoring shall include at least the following for each water source used during the previous year. As an alternative to annual water supply monitoring, the Discharger may submit results of the most current DHS water supply monitoring data.

<u>Constituents</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Annually	Annually
Standard Minerals ¹	mg/L	Annually	Annually

¹ Standard Minerals shall include, at a minimum, the following elements/compounds boron, calcium, iron, magnesium, manganese, sodium, potassium, chloride, sulfate, total alkalinity (including alkalinity series), and hardness.

REPORTING

In reporting monitoring data, the Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the date, sample type, and reported analytical result for each sample are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner to clearly illustrate compliance with waste discharge requirements and spatial or temporal trends, as applicable. The results of any monitoring done more frequently than required at the locations specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be reported to the Regional Board.

As required by the California Business and Professions Code Sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1, all Groundwater Monitoring Reports shall be prepared under the direct supervision of a Registered Engineer or Geologist and signed and stamped by the registered professional.

A. Monthly Monitoring Reports

Daily, weekly, and monthly monitoring data shall be reported in monthly monitoring reports. Monthly reports shall be submitted to the Regional Board by the **1st day of the second month following sampling** (i.e., the January Report is due by 1 March). At a minimum the reports shall include:

1. If the WWTF is not yet operational, then a status report shall be submitted stating that it is not yet operational and providing a timeline for anticipated start-up of the WWTF.
2. Once the WWTF is operational, then the report shall include the following:
 - a. Results of effluent and leachfield monitoring;
 - b. A comparison of monitoring data to the discharge specifications and an explanation of any violation of those requirements. Data shall be presented in tabular format;
 - c. If requested by staff, copies of laboratory analytical report(s);
 - d. Copies of field inspection logs; and
 - e. Date(s) on which the monitoring instruments were calibrated.

B. Quarterly Monitoring Reports

Submittal of quarterly monitoring reports to the Regional Board shall recommence within three months of the WWTF beginning operation. The Discharger shall establish a quarterly sampling schedule for groundwater and effluent monitoring (for constituents that require quarterly sampling) such that samples are obtained approximately every three months. Quarterly monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Board by the **1st day of the second month after the quarter** (i.e. the January-March quarterly report is due by May 1st) each year. The Quarterly Report shall include the following:

1. Results of groundwater monitoring. The results of regular monthly monitoring reports for March, June, September and December may be incorporated into their corresponding quarterly monitoring report.
2. A narrative description of all preparatory, monitoring, sampling, and analytical testing activities for the groundwater monitoring. The narrative shall be sufficiently detailed to verify compliance with the WDRs, this MRP, and the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements. Field logs shall support the narrative for each well documenting depth to groundwater; parameters measured before, during, and after purging; method of purging; calculation of casing volume; and total volume of water purged.

3. Calculation of groundwater elevations, an assessment of groundwater flow direction and gradient on the date of measurement, comparison of previous flow direction and gradient data, and discussion of seasonal trends if any.
4. A narrative discussion of the analytical results for all media and locations monitored including spatial and temporal trends, with reference to summary data tables, graphs, and appended analytical reports (as applicable).
5. A comparison of monitoring data to the discharge specifications, groundwater limitations and effluent limitations, and explanation of any violation(s) of those requirements.
6. Summary of data tables of historic and current water table elevations and analytical results.
7. A scaled map showing relevant structures and features of the facility, the locations of monitoring wells and any other sampling stations, and groundwater elevation contours referenced to mean sea level datum.
8. Copies of laboratory analytical report(s) for groundwater monitoring.

C. Annual Monitoring Reports

An Annual Report shall be prepared as the fourth quarter monitoring report. The Annual Report will include all monitoring data required in the monthly/quarterly schedule. The Annual Report shall be submitted to the Regional Board by **1 February** of each year. In addition to the data normally presented, the Annual Report shall include the following:

1. The contents of a regular monthly and quarterly monitoring report for the last quarter of the year.
2. Results of annual groundwater monitoring prior to discharge of wastewater commencing. The results shall include all information listed in the "Quarterly Monitoring Report" section above.
3. If requested by staff, tabular and graphical summaries of all monitoring data collected during the year.
4. An evaluation of the performance of the wastewater treatment system and leachfield disposal system, as well as a forecast of the flows anticipated in the next year.
5. An evaluation of the groundwater quality beneath the wastewater treatment facility.
6. A scaled map showing relevant structures and features of the facility, and the locations of monitoring and sampling points.

7. The results of the water supply monitoring.
8. A discussion of compliance and the corrective action taken, as well as any planned or proposed actions needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with the waste discharge requirements.
9. A discussion of any data gaps and potential deficiencies/redundancies in the monitoring system or reporting program.

A letter transmitting the self-monitoring reports shall accompany each report. Such a letter shall include a discussion of requirement violations found during the reporting period, and actions taken or planned for correcting noted violations, such as operation or facility modifications. If the Discharger has previously submitted a report describing corrective actions and/or a time schedule for implementing the corrective actions, reference to the previous correspondence will be satisfactory. The transmittal letter shall contain the penalty of perjury statement by the Discharger, or the Discharger's authorized agent, as described in the Standard Provisions General Reporting Requirements Section B.3.

The Discharger shall implement the above monitoring program as of the date of this Order.

Ordered by: _____
THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer

(Date)