



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA); GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2016-0076-01 FOR LIMITED THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATER; SFPP, L.P., OPERATING PARTNERSHIP OF KINDER MORGAN ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P., FOX ROAD PETROLEUM RELEASE SITE GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION SYSTEM PROJECT, SOLANO COUNTY

Our office received a Notice of Intent on 5 March 2018 from SFPP, L.P., operating partnership of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P (hereinafter Discharger), for discharge of treated groundwater to surface water at its Fox Road Petroleum Release Site Groundwater Remediation Project (hereinafter Facility). Based on the application packet submitted by the Discharger, staff has determined that the project meets the required conditions for approval under the General Order for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water (Limited Threat General Order), Tier 2. This project is hereby assigned Limited Threat General Order R5-2016-0076-038 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAG995002. Please reference your Limited Threat General Order number, **R5-2016-0076-038**, in your correspondence and submitted documents.

Discharges to surface water from the Facility are regulated by an individual NPDES permit, Order R5-2013-0103 (NPDES No. CA0084760) issued by the Central Valley Water Board on 26 July 2013. This NOA providing coverage under the Limited Threat General Order shall become effective on **1 July 2018** when the existing individual NPDES permit for the Facility, Order R5-2013-0103, is rescinded by a separate action of the Central Valley Water Board at its regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The project activities shall be operated in accordance with the requirements contained in the Limited Threat General Order and as specified in this NOA. You are urged to familiarize yourself with the entire contents of the Limited Threat General Order. To conserve resources, the Limited Threat General Order may be viewed at the following web address: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/general_orders/r 5-2016-0076-01.pdf A copy of the Limited Threat General Order can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

CALIFORNIA TOXICS RULE / STATE IMPLEMENTATION POLICY MONITORING

The Limited Threat General Order incorporates the requirements of the California Toxics Rule (CTR) and the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board), *Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California*, 2005, also known as the State Implementation Policy (SIP). Screening levels for CTR constituents and other constituents of concern are found in Attachment I of the Limited Threat General Order. Review of your water quality data in comparison to the screening values, showed no reasonable potential for the discharge to cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality objectives in the Gibson Canyon Creek Flood Control Channel, which is a water of the United States. However, the existing treatment system is designed to reduce target constituent concentrations below water quality objectives, therefore, this NOA includes effluent limitations for these target constituents.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Facility is located in the town of Elmira, and is bounded by the Union Pacific railroad tracks and Fox Road. In November of 1993 a release of refined petroleum product was identified in a 14-inch diameter petroleum pipeline owned by the Discharger. A groundwater extraction treatment system was constructed as part of the remediation of the release. Extracted groundwater is pumped from the extraction trenches and wells into a batch tank. Petroleum hydrocarbons and fuel oxygenates are removed from the extracted groundwater using an air stripper followed by granular-activated carbon vessels. In addition, vapor-phase granular-activated carbon vessels are used to treat air stripper off gas and extracted soil vapors as part of a soil vapor extraction treatment system, which is operated under a Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District permit. The effluent is conveyed via a 1.5 mile outfall and discharged to the Gibson Canyon Creek Flood Control Channel. The design flow of the Facility is 216,000 gallons per day.

EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

Effluent limitations are specified in Section V. Effluent Limitations and Discharge Specifications of the Limited Threat General Order. Based on the information provided in the NOI, effluent limitations are only required for the parameters identified in items 1–5, below:

- 1. Flow (Section V.A.1.a). The discharge flow rate shall not exceed 0.216 million gallons per day (MGD).
- 2. pH (Section V.A.1.b.i). The pH of all discharges within the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins (except Goose Lake in Modoc County) shall at all times be within the range of 6.5 and 8.5.
- 3. Whole Effluent Toxicity, Chronic (Section V.A.2.a). There shall be no chronic toxicity in the discharge. See Section V of the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment C) of the Limited Threat General Order.

- 4. Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity (Section V.A.3.a). Survival of aquatic organisms in 96-hour bioassays of undiluted waste for all limited threat discharges shall be no less than:
 - a. 70%, minimum for any one bioassay; and
 - b. 90%, median for any three consecutive bioassays.

See Section V of the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment C) of the Limited Threat General Order.

5. Constituents and Parameters of Concern (Section V.A.1.e and V.B.4). See Table 1 below.

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Parameter	Units	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Section Reference
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	0.01	0.02	V.A.1.e
Benzene	µg/L		0.5	V.B.4
Ethylbenzene	µg/L		0.5	V.B.4
Toluene	µg/L		0.5	V.B.4
Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether	µg/L		1.0	V.B.4
Tertiary Amyl Methyl Ether	µg/L		1.0	V.B.4
Tertiary Butyl Alcohol	µg/L		10	V.B.4
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (Diesel)	µg/L		50	V.B.4
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (Gasoline)	µg/L		50	V.B.4
Xylene ¹	µg/L		0.5	V.B.4

Table 1. Effluent Limitations

1. Applies to the sum of o-xylene, m-xylene, and p-xylene.

The Receiving Water is not listed under the Clean Water Act 303(d) List of impaired water bodies. Therefore, no additional 303(d) based effluent limitations or monitoring requirements have been added to this Notice of Applicability.

RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS

The Limited Threat General Order includes receiving surface water limitations in Section VIII.A. Based on the information provided in the NOI, only the following receiving surface water limitations are applicable to this discharge:

- Bacteria (VIII.A.2);
- Biostimulatory substances (VIII.A.3);
- Chemical constituents (VIII.A.4);
- Color (VIII.A.5);

- Dissolved oxygen (VIII.A.6.b.iii);
- Floating material (VIII.A.7);
- Oil and grease (VIII.A.8);
- pH (VIII.A.9.a);
- Pesticides ((VIII.A.10);
- Radioactivity (VIII.A.11);
- Suspended sediments (VIII.A.12);
- Settleable substances (VIII.A.13);
- Suspended material (VIII.A.14);
- Taste and odors (VIII.A.15);
- Temperature (VIII.A.16);
- Toxicity (VIII.A.17); and
- Turbidity (VIII.A.18.a).

MONITORING AND REPORTING

Monitoring and reporting requirements are contained in Attachment C of the Limited Threat General Order. The Discharger is required to comply with the following specific monitoring and reporting requirements for the influent, effluent, and receiving water in accordance with Attachment C of the Limited Threat General Order.

Monitoring Locations – The Discharger shall monitor the influent, effluent, and receiving water at the specified locations as follows in Table 2:

Discharge Point Name	Monitoring Location Name	Monitoring Location Description
	INF-001	Shall be located at the influent piping before the groundwater enters the treatment process
001	EFF-001	Shall be located at the sampling port after the granular activated carbon vessels and prior to discharge into Gibson Canyon Creek Flood Control Channel (Latitude 38° 23' 45" N, Longitude 121° 52' 30" W)
	RSW-001	Gibson Canyon Creek Flood Control Channel, approximately 50 feet upstream from the point of discharge.
	RSW-002	Gibson Canyon Creek Flood Control Channel, approximately 50 feet downstream from the point of discharge.

Table 2. Monitoring Station Locations

Influent Monitoring - When discharging to surface water, the Discharger shall monitor the influent at INF-001 in accordance with Table C-2 of the Limited Threat General Order and this NOA. The applicable monitoring requirements are as follows in Table 3:

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Flow	gpd	Meter	Continuous	
Benzene	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Ethylbenzene	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Toluene	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Tertiary Amyl Methyl Ether	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Tertiary Butyl Alcohol	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (Gasoline Range)	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (Diesel Range)	µg/l	Grab	1/Month	1
Xylene ²	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Di-isopropyl Ether	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter ³	1
Ethylene Dibromide	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter ³	1
Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter ³	1
Methanol	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter ³	1

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Table	3.	Influent	Monitoring

 Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 CFR Part 136.

^{2.} Xylene includes o-xylene, m-xylene, and p-xylene.

³ If the first four quarterly sampling events result in non-detectable concentrations, at appropriate detection limits, then the sampling may be ceased.

Effluent Monitoring – When discharging to surface water, the Discharger shall monitor the effluent at EFF-001 in accordance with Tables C-3 and C-4 of the Limited Threat General Order and this NOA. The applicable monitoring requirements are as follows in Table 4:

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Flow	MGD	Meter	Continuous	
Total Volume of Water Treated	gallons	Calculated	1/Month	
рН	standard units	Grab	1/Month	1,2
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	1/Month	1,2
Electrical Conductivity @ 25 °C	µmhos/cm	Grab	1/Month	1,2
Temperature	°F	Grab	1/Month	1,2
Hardness, Total (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter	1
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	Grab	1/Day ³	
Benzene	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Ethylbenzene	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Toluene	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Tertiary Amyl Methyl Ether	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Tertiary Butyl Alcohol	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (Diesel)	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (Gasoline)	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Xylene ⁴	µg/L	Grab	1/Month	1
Di-isopropyl Ether	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter⁵	1
Ethylene Dibromide	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter ⁵	1
Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter ⁵	1
Methanol	µg/L	Grab	1/Quarter ⁵	1
Acute Toxicity	% survival	Grab	1/Year	1,6
Chronic Toxicity		Grab	1/Year	1

Table 4. Effluent Monitoring

^{1.} Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. part 136 or by methods approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board.

A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a USEPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be maintained at the Facility.

^{3.} Total residual chlorine monitoring only required when chlorine used at the Facility. The Discharger shall note in the Self-Monitoring Reports whether there has been any chlorine use at the Facility.

⁴ Xylene includes o-xylene, m-xylene, and p-xylene.

- ^{5.} If the first four quarterly sampling events result in non-detectable concentrations, at appropriate detection limits, then the sampling may be ceased.
- ^{6.} For acute toxicity testing, the test species shall be fathead minnows (*Pimephales promelas*). See the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment C) for toxicity monitoring requirements.

Section II.B.2 of the Limitations and Discharge Requirements section of the Limited Threat General Order requires that dischargers submit new analytical results every 5 years for pollutants specified in Table I-1 of Attachment I. The Project is a petroleum fuel pollution remediation project and is considered a Tier 2 discharge. Therefore, the Discharger shall conduct one sampling event in 2022 for the following constituents shown in Table 5, below. The results of the sampling event shall be submitted with the Discharger's Fourth Quarter 2022 Quarterly Self-Monitoring Report due by 1 February 2023

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Required Analytical Test Method
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	mg/L	Grab	1
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	Grab	1
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	mg/L	Grab	1
Unionized Ammonia Nitrogen, Total (as N)	mg/L	Grab	1
Aluminum, Total Recoverable	µg/L	Grab	1
Iron, Total Recoverable	µg/L	Grab	1
Manganese, Total Recoverable	µg/L	Grab	1
Standard Minerals ³	µg/L	Grab	1
1,2-Dichloroethane	µg/L	Grab	1
Napthalene	µg/L	Grab	1
CTR Priority Pollutants ⁴	µg/L	Grab	1

Table 5. Effluent Characterization Monitoring

Pollutants shall be analyzed using the analytical methods described in 40 C.F.R. part 136 or by methods approved by the Central Valley Water Board or the State Water Board.

A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be maintained at the Facility.

^{3.} Standard minerals shall include the following: boron, calcium, iron, magnesium, potassium, sodium, chloride, manganese, phosphorus, total alkalinity (including alkalinity series), and hardness, and include verification that the analysis is complete (i.e., cation/anion balance).

^{4.} See Attachment I, Table I-3 of the Limited Threat General Order.

Receiving Water Monitoring - When discharging to surface water, the Discharger shall monitor the receiving water at RSW-001 and RSW-002, in accordance with Table C-5 of the Limited Threat General Order and this NOA. The applicable monitoring requirements are as follows in Table 6:

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
рН	standard units	Grab	1/Quarter	1,2
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter	1,2
Electrical Conductivity @ 25 Deg. C	µmhos/cm	Grab	1/Quarter	1,2
Temperature	°F	Grab	1/Quarter	1,2
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	1/Quarter	1,2
Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	Grab	3	1

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A hand-held field meter may be used, provided the meter utilizes a U.S. EPA-approved algorithm/method and is calibrated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A calibration and maintenance log for each meter used for monitoring required by this Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be maintained by the Discharger.

^{3.} Shall be sampled at the time of effluent characterization monitoring as described in Table 5 above.

In conducting the receiving water sampling, a log shall be kept of the receiving water conditions throughout the reach bounded by RSW-001 and RSW-002. Attention shall be given to the presence or absence of:

- **a.** Floating or suspended matter
- **b.** Discoloration
- c. Bottom deposits
- **d.** Aquatic life
- e. Visible films, sheens, or coatings
- f. Fungi, slimes, or objectionable growths
- g. Potential nuisance conditions

Notes on receiving water conditions shall be summarized in the Self-Monitoring Report.

Monitoring Report Submittals - Monitoring in accordance with this NOA shall begin upon the effective date of this NOA. Self-Monitoring Reports shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board on a quarterly basis, beginning with the **third quarter 2018**. This report shall be submitted on **1 November 2018**. If the discharge has not begun there is no need to monitor. However, a certified Self-Monitoring Report must be submitted stating that there has been no discharge. Table 7, below, summarizes the Self-Monitoring Report due dates required under the Limited Threat General Order. Quarterly Self-Monitoring Reports must be submitted until your coverage is formally terminated in accordance with the Limited Threat General Order, even if there is no discharge during the reporting quarter.

Sampling Frequency	Monitoring Period Begins On	Quarterly Report Due Date			
1/Day, 1/Week, 1/Month, 1/Quarter	1 July 2018	1 May (1 Jan – 31 Mar) 1 Aug (1 Apr – 30 Jun) 1 Nov (1 Jul – 30 Sep) 1 Feb, of following year (1 Oct – 31 Dec)			

Table 7. Monitoring Periods and Reporting Schedule

The Discharger shall electronically submit Self-Monitoring Reports using the State Water Board's California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) Program website <u>http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/</u>. The CIWQS website will provide additional information for Self-Monitoring Report submittal in the event there will be a planned service interruption for electronic submittal.

SATISFACTION OF ANTI-BACKSLIDING AND ANTIDEGRADATION REQUIREMENTS

The effluent limitations in this NOA are at least as stringent as the effluent limitations in the previous individual NPDES permit, Order R5-2013-0103, with the exception of limitations for electrical conductivity, total recoverable iron, total recoverable manganese, and nitrate. Since the time of permit issuance the Discharger has shown due diligence toward increasing treatment efficiency by increasing the quantity of granular-activated carbon vessels and installing an additional extraction well in a downgradient portion of the site. These Facility upgrades have resulted in improved treatment. Based on the Discharger's last three years of effluent monitoring data for electrical conductivity, total recoverable iron, total recoverable manganese, and nitrate, the discharge does not demonstrate reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an instream excursion of the applicable water quality objectives in the receiving water. All samples were below the screening levels. Therefore, the effluent limits for electrical conductivity, total recoverable iron, total recoverable iron, total recoverable iron, total recoverable iron, and nitrate have not been included in this NOA.

The less stringent requirements for electrical conductivity, total recoverable iron, total recoverable manganese, and nitrate are consistent with the federal antibacksliding regulations of the Clean Water Act (CWA). CWA section 402(o)(2) provides several exceptions to the prohibition against backsliding. CWA 402(o)(2)(B)(i) allows a renewed, reissued, or modified permit to contain a less stringent effluent limitation for a pollutant if information is available which was not available at the time of permit issuance (other than revised regulations, guidance, or test methods) and which would have justified the application of a less stringent effluent limitation at the time of permit issuance. The new data indicates the discharge does not exhibit reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality objectives in the receiving water and represents new information that was not available at the time previous Order R5-2013-0103 was adopted. The removal of the effluent limits does not allow for an increase in the mass of pollutants discharge, therefore, is also consistent with federal and state antidegradation requirements. Any impact on existing water quality will be insignificant.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The Discharger must notify Central Valley Water Board staff within 24 hours of having knowledge of 1) the start of each new discharge, 2) noncompliance, and 3) when the discharge ceases. The Central Valley Water Board shall be notified immediately if any effluent limit violation is observed during implementation of the project.

Discharge of material other than what is described in the application is prohibited. The required annual fee (as specified in the annual invoice you will receive from the State Water Resources Control Board) shall be submitted until this NOA is officially terminated. You must notify this office in writing when the discharge regulated by the Limited Threat General Order is no longer necessary by submitting the Request for Termination of Coverage (Attachment E). If a timely written request is not received, the Discharger will be required to pay additional annual fees as determined by the State Water Resources Control Board.

ENFORCEMENT

Failure to comply with the Limited Threat General Order may result in enforcement actions, which could include civil liability. Effluent limitation violations are subject to a Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) of \$3,000 per violation. In addition, late Monitoring Reports may be subject to MMPs or discretionary penalties of up to \$1,000 per day late. When discharges do not occur during a quarterly monitoring period, the Discharger must still submit a quarterly certified Monitoring Report indicating that no discharge occurred to avoid being subject to enforcement actions.

COMMUNICATION

The Central Valley Water Board is implementing a Paperless Office system to reduce our paper use, increase efficiency, and provide a more effective way for our staff, the public, and interested parties to view documents in electronic form. Therefore, the Discharger is required to submit all self-monitoring, technical, and progress reports required by this NOA via California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) submittal. In general, if any monitoring data for a monitoring location can be submitted using a computable document format (CDF) file upload, then it should be submitted as a CDF file upload, such as characterization monitoring data. However, certain parameters that cannot be uploaded to the CIWQS data tables should be uploaded as a Portable Document Format (PDF), Microsoft Word, or Microsoft Excel file attachment. Also, please upload a cover letter summarizing the content of the report to the submittal tab of the CIWQS module for each submittal.

All other documents not required to be submitted via CIWQS shall be converted to a searchable PDF and submitted by email to centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov. Please include the following information in the body of the email: Attention: NPDES Compliance and Enforcement; SFPP, L.P., operating partnership of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P., Fox Road Petroleum Release Site Groundwater Remediation Project; CIWQS place ID 225205. Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to our office, attention "ECM Mailroom".

Now that your NOA has been issued, the Central Valley Water Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Ms. Ayda Soltani is your point of contact for any questions about your NOA that provides coverage under the Limited Threat General Order. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations you will be directed to the appropriate Permitting staff. Ms. Soltani can be reached at (916) 464-4634 or Ayda.Soltani@Waterboards.ca.gov.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this NOA, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the

petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality or will be provided upon request.

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Patrick Pulupa, Incoming Executive Officer for Pamela C. Creedon, Executive Officer

- Enclosure: Attachment A Project Location Map Monitoring and Reporting Transmittal Form
- cc: David Smith, U.S. EPA, Region IX, San Francisco (email only) Afrooz Farsimadan, Division of Water Quality, State Water Board, Sacramento (email only)

Project Location Map - Fox Road Petroleum Release Site Groundwater Remediation Project R5-2016-0076-038

