

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

REVISED MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 5-01-069

FOR

CITY OF LOYALTON  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT  
SIERRA COUNTY

This Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) describes requirements for monitoring influent wastewater, effluent, effluent storage ponds/19.8-acre disposal cells, recycled water land application areas, groundwater, and sludge. 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 date of signature.

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 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.

**INFLUENT MONITORING**

Influent flow monitoring shall be performed at the headworks. Influent monitoring shall include the following:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Flow <sup>1</sup>	gpd	Continuous Meter	Daily	Monthly
Average Daily Flow <sup>2</sup>	gpd	Calculated	Monthly	Monthly
BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/L	Grab	Monthly	Monthly

<sup>1</sup> Flow represents the daily flow rate.

<sup>2</sup> Average Daily Flow represents the daily flow rate averaged over the month.

<sup>3</sup> BOD denotes 5-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand.

**EFFLUENT MONITORING**

Effluent samples shall be collected before discharge to the storage pond or 19.8 acre disposal area and shall be representative of the discharge. Effluent monitoring shall include the following:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/L	Grab/Composite <sup>1</sup>	Monthly	Monthly
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Grab/Composite <sup>1</sup>	Monthly	Monthly
Nitrate as Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab/Composite <sup>1</sup>	Monthly	Monthly
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab/Composite <sup>1</sup>	Monthly	Monthly
pH	Standard	Grab/Composite <sup>1</sup>	Monthly	Monthly

<sup>1</sup> Grab/Composite indicates samples may be collected by composite sampler or grab method.

### EFFLUENT STORAGE POND/19.8-ACRE DISPOSAL MONITORING

Each effluent storage pond and/or disposal cell with standing water shall be monitored as specified below. If water is not present in a particular pond or disposal cell during the month, the monitoring report shall so state.

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Dissolved Oxygen <sup>1</sup>	mg/L	Grab	Weekly	Monthly
Freeboard	0.1 feet	Measurement	Weekly	Monthly
pH	Standard	Grab	Weekly	Monthly
Odors	--	Observation	Weekly	Monthly
Berm condition	--	Observation	Monthly	Monthly

<sup>1</sup> Samples shall be collected at a depth of one foot from each pond or disposal cell in use, opposite the inlet. Samples shall be collected between 0700 and 0900 hours.

### RECYCLED WATER LAND APPLICATION AREA MONITORING

Monitoring of each recycled water land application area shall be conducted when irrigation is occurring and the results shall be included in the monthly monitoring report. The land application areas shall be inspected following each irrigation event to identify any equipment malfunction or other circumstance that might allow recycled water to runoff the land application area and/or create conditions that violate the Waste Discharge Requirements or Water Recycling Requirements. Evidence of erosion, saturation, irrigation runoff, or the presence of nuisance conditions shall be noted in the report. A log of these inspections as well as any public complaints of runoff shall be kept at the facility and made available for review upon request.

Effluent monitoring results shall be used in calculations to ascertain loading rates at the land application area. Monitoring of the land application area shall include the following:

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u> <sup>6</sup>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Total Coliform Organisms <sup>1,2</sup>	MPN/100 ml <sup>3</sup>	Grab	Spec. Interval <sup>2</sup>	Monthly
Chlorine Residual <sup>2</sup>	mg/L	Grab	Spec. Interval <sup>2</sup>	Monthly

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u> <sup>6</sup>	<u>Reporting Frequency</u>
Flow	Gallons	Continuous	Daily	Monthly
Rainfall	Inches	Observation	Daily	Monthly
Acreage Applied <sup>4</sup>	Acres	Calculated	Daily	Monthly
Water Application Rate <sup>5</sup>	gal/acre·day	Calculated	Daily	Monthly
BOD <sub>5</sub> Loading Rate <sup>5</sup>	lbs/ac·month	Calculated	Monthly	Monthly
Total Nitrogen Loading Rate <sup>5</sup>	lbs/ac·month	Calculated	Monthly	Monthly
Total Dissolved Solids Loading Rate <sup>5</sup>	lbs/ac·month	Calculated	Monthly	Monthly

<sup>1</sup> Using a minimum of 10 tubes or 2 dilutions.

<sup>2</sup> Total Coliform Organisms shall be sampled within 24-hours of initiating a discharge event to the land application area. A discharge event consists of a planned continuous, or near continuous, discharge to the land application area. Residual Chlorine shall be monitored on all days wastewater is discharged to the land application area.

<sup>3</sup> Denotes Most Probable Number per 100 mL.

<sup>4</sup> Land application areas shall be identified and a map portraying all land application areas included.

<sup>5</sup> For each land application area.

<sup>6</sup> Sampling/calculation only required when discharge to land application area is occurring.

### **GROUNDWATER MONITORING**

Prior to construction and/or sampling of any groundwater monitoring wells, the Discharger shall submit plans and specifications to the Board for review and approval. All wells identified in the groundwater monitoring well network shall be sampled and analyzed according to the schedule below.

Prior to sampling, the groundwater elevations shall be measured and the wells shall be purged of at least three well volumes or until temperature, 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 Frequency</u>
Depth to Groundwater	0.01 feet	Measurement	Quarterly
Groundwater Elevation <sup>1</sup>	0.01 feet	Calculated	Quarterly
Gradient	feet/feet	Calculated	Quarterly
Gradient Direction	degrees	Calculated	Quarterly
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly
Nitrate as Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	Quarterly
pH	pH units	Grab	Quarterly
Total Coliform Organisms	MPN/100 mL	Grab	Quarterly
Standard Minerals <sup>2</sup>	mg/L	Grab	Annually

<sup>1</sup> Groundwater elevation shall be determined based on depth-to-water measurements using a surveyed measuring point elevation on the well and a surveyed reference elevation.

- <sup>2</sup> Standard Minerals shall include, at a minimum, the following elements/compounds: boron, sodium, calcium, magnesium, potassium, iron, chloride, sulfate, total alkalinity (including alkalinity series), and hardness.

## SLUDGE MONITORING

A composite sample of digested sludge shall be collected at least once per year when sludge is removed from the wastewater treatment system for disposal in accordance with EPA's POTW Sludge Sampling and Analysis Guidance Document, August 1989, and analyzed for cadmium, copper, nickel, chromium, lead, and zinc.

Sampling records shall be retained for a minimum of five years. A log shall be kept of sludge quantities generated and of handling and disposal activities. The frequency of entries is discretionary; however, the log should be complete enough to serve as a basis for part of the annual report.

## REPORTING

In reporting monitoring data, the Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the date, sample type (e.g., effluent, pond, etc.), 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 California licensed engineer or geologist and signed 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 on the **1<sup>st</sup> 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. The monthly monitoring report shall include the following:
  - a. Results of influent, effluent, effluent storage pond/19.8-acre disposal, and recycled water land application area 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); and
  - d. A calibration log verifying calibration of all hand-held monitoring instruments and devices used to comply with the prescribed monitoring program.

## **B. Quarterly Monitoring Reports**

The Discharger shall establish a quarterly sampling schedule for groundwater monitoring such that samples are obtained approximately every three months. Quarterly monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Board by the **1<sup>st</sup> day of the second month after the quarter** (i.e. the January-March quarterly report is due by May 1<sup>st</sup>) and may be combined with the monthly report. The Quarterly Report shall include the following:

1. Results of groundwater monitoring;
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 WDR, this MRP, and the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements. The narrative shall be supported by field logs 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 groundwater 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 groundwater limitations and an explanation of any violation of those requirements;
6. Summary data tables of historical 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; and
8. Copies of laboratory analytical report(s) for groundwater monitoring.

## **C. Annual Report**

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** each year. In addition to the data normally presented, the Annual Report shall include the following:

1. The contents of the regular groundwater monitoring report for the last sampling event of the year;
2. If requested by staff, tabular and graphical summaries of all data collected during the year;

3. An evaluation of the groundwater quality beneath the wastewater treatment plant, recycled water storage ponds, and land application areas;
4. A discussion of compliance and the corrective actions taken, as well as any planned or proposed actions needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with the waste discharge requirements;
5. A discussion of any data gaps and potential deficiencies/redundancies in the monitoring system or reporting program;
6. A copy of the certification for each certified wastewater treatment plant operator working at the facility and a statement about whether the Discharger is in compliance with Title 23, CCR, Division 3, Chapter 26.
7. A summary of information on the disposal of sludge and/or solid waste;
8. The results from annual monitoring of the groundwater wells and water supply;
9. The results from any sludge monitoring required by the disposal facility;

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 on the first day of the month following adoption of this Order.

Ordered by:

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THOMAS R. PINKOS, Executive Officer

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12 August 2005

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