ITEM: 8


PURPOSE: To remove the drydock Dilligence/AFDL (Discharge Point BW-002) from coverage under the NPDES Order No. R9-2009-0080, NPDES No. CA0109151

PUBLIC NOTICE: Notification of this action was included in the June 9, 2010 agenda notice, which was mailed on May 20, 2010 and has been posted on the San Diego Water Board web page. This notification satisfies the 10-day notifying requirements, which is the minimum time required prior to the San Diego Water Board making minor modifications to NPDES permits.

DISCUSSION: On June 10, 2009, the San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. R9-2009-0080, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) No. CA0109151, establishing waste discharge requirements for BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair, Inc. (BAE) to discharge drydock ballast water, fire protection water, potable water leaks from hoses, steam condensate leaks from hoses, and water weight test bag effluent to San Diego Bay from numerous locations.

By letter dated May 25, 2010 (supporting document 4), BAE requested the San Diego Water Board to remove the drydock Dilligence/AFDL (Discharge Point BW-002) from coverage under the NPDES Order because the drydock has been sold. BAE last used the drydock to undock a vessel on September 23, 2009. BAE recognizes that no industrial activity, shipbuilding, or ship repair may be conducted on the drydock after the discharge is removed from the permit. The drydock is scheduled to be relocated not later than June 30, 2010.

The buyer, Knight and Carver Yachtcenter, has been notified that
they are not authorized to conduct any ship repair/industrial activity on the drydock until they obtain NPDES permit requirements for discharges of waste from the drydock. The operation of the drydock as a vessel while moving it to a new location is regulated under the federal NPDES Vessel General Permit and that coverage will be transferred with the drydock to its new owner.

By letter dated March 16, 2010, Knight and Carver Yachtcenter submitted an application to amend their NPDES Permit, Order No. R9-2005-0149, NPDES No. CA0109088, to include the drydock obtained from BAE. Based on the current NPDES permit workload, the earliest estimate for bringing this action before the San Diego Water Board would be in the August – September time frame.

The tentative Order was sent via email and regular mail to BAE, Knight and Carver Yachtcenter, and USEPA on May 27, 2010. No comments have been received to date.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES: N/A

COMPLIANCE: N/A

LEGAL ISSUES: None

SUPPORTING DOCS: 1. Site Map
2. Transmittal Letter for Order No. R9-2010-0092 dated May 27, 2010
3. Tentative Order No. R9-2010-0090

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2010-0090 is recommended