

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION
- NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP -**

- **PRESENTATION OF SEDIMENT QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION TECHNICAL REPORT SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING COMPANY (NASSCO) AND SOUTHWEST MARINE, INC. (SOUTHWEST MARINE)**
- **CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER SCOPING MEETING**

**November 14, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.
Regional Board Office, Board Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego California 92123-4340**

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) will hold a public workshop to present and receive comments on the marine sediment quality assessment and remediation technical report submitted by National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) and Southwest Marine, Inc. (Southwest Marine). This technical report will be used as a basis for the Regional Board's development of cleanup and abatement orders for NASSCO and Southwest Marine.

The Regional Board will also be conducting a scoping meeting at the workshop for interested and affected persons to communicate their views on the site assessment, data interpretation, sediment cleanup levels, sediment cleanup alternatives, extent of cleanup, cleanup costs, and other considerations that should be addressed by the Regional Board in preparing cleanup and abatement orders (CAOs) for NASSCO and Southwest Marine.

Date: Friday, November 14, 2003

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Regional Board Office – Board Room
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Three or more Regional Board members may attend this workshop. Regional Board members will not be making any decisions.

Objectives for the Public Workshop: To present an overview of the technical report for the NASSCO and Southwest Marine shipyard sediment investigation, to provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the technical report, and to solicit input on the development of the CAOs.

Public participation is encouraged. The Regional Board will receive and consider comments from the public. Written comments may be submitted as described below.

BACKGROUND

Elevated levels of pollutants present in the marine sediments within and adjacent to the shipyard leaseholds. The

concentrations of these pollutants cause or threaten to cause a condition of pollution that harms the beneficial uses designated for San Diego Bay. NASSCO and Southwest Marine have conducted a site-specific study to develop sediment cleanup levels and identify marine sediment cleanup alternatives.

The site-specific investigation included:

- Collecting sediment quality data at each shipyard. The data consists of bulk sediment and pore water chemistry, sediment and pore water toxicity, benthic community structure, and bioaccumulation.
- Assessing the nature and areal extent of sediment contamination resulting from current and historical waste discharges from the shipyards.
- Evaluating the biological effects and risks to San Diego Bay beneficial uses (aquatic life, aquatic-dependent wildlife, and human health) associated with sediment contamination at the shipyards.
- Evaluating cleanup levels protective of beneficial uses, including cleanup levels representing background conditions for NASSCO and Southwest Marine.
- Analyzing sediment remedial alternatives.

The technical report summarizing the results of the sediment investigation will be used as a basis for the Regional Board's development of CAOs for NASSCO and Southwest Marine.

AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL REPORT

To obtain a copy of the NASSCO and Southwest Marine technical report, contact Sylvia Wellnitz by:

U.S. mail: Regional Water Quality Control Board, 9174 Sky Park Court Suite 100, San Diego, California 92123-4340.
Attention: Sylvia Wellnitz.

Email: wells@rb9.swrcb.ca.gov

Telephone: (858) 637-5593

The technical report can also be reviewed by appointment at the Regional Board office at the above address and can also be downloaded from the Regional Board's website at www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/.

DEADLINE DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Regional Board is accepting written comments on both the NASSCO and Southwest Marine technical report and scoping issues that should be considered by the Regional Board in preparing the CAOs for NASSCO and Southwest Marine. Written comments are due in the Regional Board office on December 5, 2003 by 5:00 p.m.

INFORMATION

Parking is available at the workshop location. A map with directions to the workshop may be obtained from the Regional Board's website or by contacting Ms. Lori Costa at the phone number below.

The workshop room facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Lori Costa at (858) 467-2357 at least 5 working days prior to November 14, 2003. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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