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SUBJECT:  OREGON STEEL MILLS d.b.a. NAPA PIPE and NAPA PIPE CORPORATION, NAPA PIPE STEEL PIPE MANUFACTURING FACILITY, NAPA, NAPA COUNTY - Updated Waste Discharge Requirements and Rescission of Order Nos. 89-070 and 95-011

CHRONOLOGY:  Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) adopted in 1995.

DISCUSSION:  The Tentative Order updates the 1995 WDRs to 1) reflect recent site history, 2) prescribe post-closure maintenance and monitoring requirements for a closed, onsite industrial waste landfill, and 3) document clean closure activities at two locations where waste was removed from the ground and hauled away. The Tentative Order also rescinds previous Water Board Orders since those requirements have been adequately addressed and/or consolidated into the Tentative Order.

The Napa Pipe facility occupies 152 acres adjacent to the Napa River at the southern gateway to the Napa Valley. The facility dates back to World War II when Basalt Corporation operated it as a shipyard. Later, Kaiser Steel acquired the facility and operated it for steel pipe fabricating. Oregon Steel Mills acquired the facility in 1987 and continued steel pipe fabrication until 2004 when the facility was idled due to conditions in the world steel market. In 1995, non-hazardous industrial wastes from various facility operations were consolidated in the onsite landfill and encapsulated beneath an asphalt cover. This order updates the 1995 WDRs for monitoring and maintenance of the closed landfill.

Staff has incorporated relevant comments submitted by the dischargers. The dischargers have indicated acceptance of the Tentative Order.

RECOMMENDATION:  Adoption of the Tentative Order (Appendix A)

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