

California Code of Regulations, Title 27 section 20090

(i.e., the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) exemptions)

- (a) **Sewage** – Discharges of domestic sewage or treated effluent which are regulated by WDRs issued pursuant to Chapter 9, Division 3, Title 23 of this code, or for which WDRs have been waived, and which are consistent with applicable water quality objectives; treatment or storage facilities associated with municipal wastewater treatment plants, provided that residual sludge or solid waste from wastewater treatment facilities shall be discharged only in accordance with the applicable provisions of the CWC.
- (b) **Wastewater** – Discharges of wastewater to land, including but not limited to evaporation ponds, percolation ponds, or subsurface leach fields if the following conditions are met:
 - (1) the applicable Regional Water Board has issued WDRs, water recycling requirements, or waived the issuance;
 - (2) the discharge is in compliance with the applicable water quality control plan; and
 - (3) the wastewater does not need to be managed according to Chapter 11, Division 4.5, Title 22 of this code as a hazardous waste.
- (c) **Underground Injection** – Discharges of waste to wells by injection pursuant to the Underground Injection Control Program established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) under the Safe Drinking Water Act, [42 U.S. Code Section 300 (h), see Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 144 to 146, 40 CFR 144 to 146].
- (d) **Regional Water Board Cleanup Actions** – Actions taken by or at the direction of public agencies to cleanup or abate conditions of pollution or nuisance resulting from unintentional or unauthorized releases or waste or pollutants to the environment. These actions are exempt from Title 27 provided that wastes, pollutants, or contaminated materials removed from the immediate place of release shall be discharged according to the State Water Board-promulgated sections of Article 2, Subchapter 2, Chapter 3, Subdivision 1 of this division (section 20200 et seq.); and that remedial actions intended to contain such wastes at the place of release shall implement applicable provisions of the CWC to the extent feasible.
- (e) **Gas Condensate** – Discharges of condensate units if the following conditions are met:
 - (1) condensate shall have no chemical additives which could adversely affect contaminant features, and shall consist only of water and liquid contaminants removed from gas recovered at a waste management unit;
 - (2) except as otherwise provided in section 20200 (d) regarding municipal solid waste landfills, condensate shall either be discharged to a different landfill that has a leachate collection and removal system and that is operated under WDRs issued by the Regional Water Board, or returned to the waste management unit(s) from which it came; and

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- (3) the discharger shall submit a RWD to the Regional Water Board, pursuant to Chapter 9, Division 3, Title 23 of this code, and shall discharge condensate only in compliance with WDRs.
- (f) **Soil Amendments** – Use of nonhazardous decomposable waste as a soil amendment pursuant to applicable best management practices, provided that Regional Water Boards may issue waste discharge or reclamation requirements for such use.
- (g) **Drilling Waste** – Discharges of drilling mud and cuttings from well-drilling operations, provided that such discharges are to on-site sumps, do not contain halogenated solvents, and at the end of drilling operations, the discharger accomplishes either of the following tasks:
 - (1) removes all wastes from the sump; or
 - (2) removes all free liquid from the sump and covers residual solid and semisolid wastes, provided that representative sampling of the sump contents after liquid removal shows residual solid wastes to be nonhazardous. If the sump has appropriate containment features, it may be reused.
- (h) **Reuse** – Recycling of other use of materials salvaged from waste or produced by waste treatment, such as scrap metal, compost, and recycled chemicals, provided that discharges of residual wastes from recycling or treatment operations to land shall be according to applicable provisions of Title 27 regulations.
- (i) **Fully Enclosed Units** – Waste Treatment in fully enclosed facilities, such as tanks, or in concrete-lined facilities of limited are extent, such as oil-water separator which are designed, constructed, and operated according to American Petroleum Institute specifications.