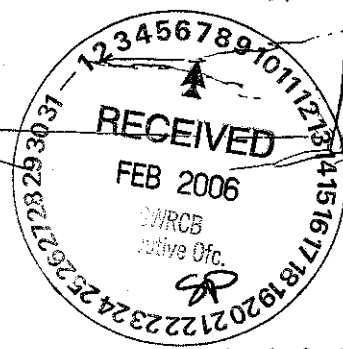


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Thursday, February 2, 2006
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Re: Proposed Waste Water Discharge Requirements.

Ms Potter:

On behalf of the Stones/Bengard Community Service District I want to thank the Water Board for the information about the proposed changes in Waste Water overflow reporting, and for the opportunity to respond. At this time we have two comments regarding the proposal:

1. WHAT IS THE MINIMUM REPORTABLE SPILLAGE?

Our response to spills of "less than 1,000 gallons" is that a lower limit required for reporting needs to be defined. Would a spill of two quarts, one gallon, ten gallons, one hundred gallons, five hundred gallons trigger a need for a report? We rightly have some concern about not reporting when it is necessary and it is only fair that we know at what point a report would be necessary. Please let us know in the final draft.

2. WILL TREATED EFFLUENT HAVE THE SAME REQUIREMENTS?

Our lakeside resort area uses a STEP system with evaporation ponds a mile away from habitation and open water. Being a STEP system means that primary treatment occurs before the wastewater leaves a residence and the effluent, by a major factor, is lower in Suspended Solids than conventional sewage. Are you planning to require the same spillage reporting criteria for secondary effluent systems as you will be requiring for full sewage systems? We propose that you factor the major difference in solids content into the reporting program.

Thank you for reviewing and considering these questions. In any event we will continue to provide good service to our customers while doing all we can to protect our precious environment by operating our system safely and efficiently.

Martin Balding,

Wastewater Manager
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