



State Water Resources Control Board

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eileen Sobeck".

DATE: December 20, 2023

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR ONE EFFLUENT CONCENTRATION
ALTERNATIVE TEST PROCEDURE FOR WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING

The California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is hereby forwarding an application for approval of an alternative test procedure (ATP) for limited use in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations part 136.5(b).

I recommend approval of the ATP because the use of five concentrations and a control is an unnecessary requirement for toxicity tests that are analyzed using the Test of Significant Toxicity (TST) statistical approach. Approving the ATP to allow the use of a single concentration and a control will reduce unnecessary costs for both laboratories and permittees when conducting aquatic toxicity tests.

Please do not hesitate to contact Andrew Hamilton, the State Water Board Quality Assurance Officer, at Andrew.Hamilton@waterboards.ca.gov, with any questions regarding this application.

Attachment:
Alternative Test Procedure Application

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