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Dear Townsend,

I appreciate the state water board's work to update the 15-year-old Industrial General Stormwater Permit. Runoff pollution from industrial facilities can contain heavy metals such as lead, zinc and copper that are highly toxic and endanger California's communities and watersheds.

I am concerned that, after more than two years of work, many aspects of the proposed permit reflect a step backward from the current permit, and even the 2011 draft permit.

I urge the board to develop a streamlined permit that is clear and enforceable, and that will achieve the shared goal of collecting more and better data. California needs clear limits on the amount of stormwater pollutants discharged into our water bodies in order to provide facilities a clear path to compliance, and to facilitate efficient enforcement by the state and regional water boards.

NEED IT BE STRESSED REPEATEDLY BY THE VOTERS? CLEAN WATER IS ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY FOR THE LIVES AND HEALTH OF HUMANS BUT IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL FOR AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, ORCHARDISTS, VINTICULTURE AND AQUA CULTURE...ALSO VERY IMPORTANT IN THIS STATE.....CLEAN WATER IS THE PRIMARY ELEMENT FOR HEALTH AND PROSPERITY.

IN CASE THE GOVERNOR FAILS TO REMEMBER,
THE HEALTH OF BUSINESS AND HUMANS = TAXES!

Please develop a strong, enforceable Industrial Stormwater Permit that helps ensure that California waterways are safe for swimming, drinking and fishing.

Sincerely,

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