

State Water Resources Control Board

REVISED

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, STAFF WORKSHOPS, AND PUBLIC HEARING

2012 DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF STORM WATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has released the 2012 Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for the Discharge of Storm Water associated with Industrial Activities (2012 Draft NPDES Industrial General Permit) for public comment. As described below, the State Water Board will accept written comments **until 12:00 noon on October 22, 2012**, and the State Water Board will conduct a public hearing to accept oral comments on **October 17, 2012**. In addition, State Water Board staff will conduct staff workshops to answer questions about the 2012 Draft NPDES Industrial General Permit on **August 8, 2012** and **August 10, 2012**.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The 2012 Draft NPDES Industrial General Permit and associated documents may be viewed and downloaded from the State Water Board's Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml.

Paper copies or compact disc of the 2012 Draft NPDES Industrial General Permit are available upon request by writing to Industrial General Permit, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812, or by calling (866) 563-3107 or by e-mailing your request to stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS AND MATERIALS

Written comments and materials must be received by **12:00 noon on October 22, 2012**. After the written comment deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional written comments or materials on the draft documents.

Commenters are encouraged to submit written comments and any written materials electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate the subject line: **"Comment Letter – Industrial General Permit"**

Written comments and materials may also be mailed or hand delivered. Mailed comments must be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Persons delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel on the first floor of the Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Building at the above address. Questions on comment submittals may be directed to Ms. Townsend, at (916) 341-5600.

STAFF WORKSHOPS

The State Water Board staff will hold two informal staff workshops in August 2012. The purpose of the staff workshops is for State Water Board staff to answer questions and receive informal feedback on the 2012 Draft NPDES Industrial General Permit. Although a quorum of the State Water Board may be present at the staff workshops, the State Water Board will not take any action. The location and time of the staff workshops are as follows:

Southern California Staff Workshop

Wednesday, August 8, 2012
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
South Coast Air Quality Management District
Auditorium
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
[Venue Information](#)
Capacity: 300 people

Northern California Staff Workshop

Wednesday, September 5, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p. m.
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building
Klamath Training Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
[Venue Information](#)
Capacity: 100 people
[WebEx](#)

Northern California Staff Workshop

Friday, August 10, 2012
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Building
Byron Sher Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
[Venue Information](#)
Capacity: 250 people
[Broadcast](#)

Industrial General Permit Training Elements Workshop

Monday, September 24, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sierra Hearing Room
Joe Serna Jr. CalEPA Building
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
[Venue Information](#)
Capacity: 90 people
[WebEx](#)

PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the State Water Board Hearing is for the State Water Board to receive oral comments from public agencies and members of the public on the 2012 Draft NPDES Industrial General Permit. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. Participants may use visual aids (including PowerPoint presentations) that summarize written materials that were submitted during the written comment period, but no additional written comments or materials will be accepted at the public hearing absent a determination by the Chair of the State Water Board.

To ensure a productive and efficient hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, please see http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml at the State Water Board's Web site. A quorum of State Water Board members may be present at the public hearing; however, no board action will be taken. The time and location of the public hearing is:

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. October 17, 2012

Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

On April 17, 1997, the State Water Board adopted Water Quality Order 97-03-DWQ for the regulation of storm water discharges associated with industrial activity. Water Quality Order 97-03-DWQ has expired but remains in effect until a new General Permit is adopted. Staff of the State Water Board initiated an effort to reissue the Industrial General Permit in 2003 that continued into 2005. Concerns raised at that time regarding the role of numeric effluent limitations in storm water permits halted this effort.

On June 19, 2006, a panel of storm water experts (Panel) submitted a report to the State Water Board titled: "The Feasibility of Numeric Effluent Limits Applicable to Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Municipal, Industrial and Construction Activities." The Panel's final report is posted on the State Water Board Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/numeric.shtml.

The State Water Board considered the report's conclusions and recommendations, and in January 2011 issued a draft Industrial General Permit for public comment to replace Water Quality Order 97-03-DWQ. Many of the comments received concerned increased costs and the imposition of numeric effluent limitations. Based on these comments (as well as others), State Water Board staff has prepared the 2012 Draft NPDES Industrial General Permit that, among other things, reduces costs compared to the January 2011 draft Industrial General Permit's proposed requirements, and does not include numeric effluent limitations.

E-MAIL LIST SERVE

Notices providing the specific date for a subsequent State Water Board meeting to consider adoption of a final draft NPDES Industrial General Permit will be posted on the State Water Board's Web site and will be distributed through the State Water Board's Lyris e-mail list serve. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the 2012 Draft NPDES Industrial General Permit, including notices of the adoption meeting, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list. Interested persons are encouraged to subscribe to an e-mail list serve for future notices about the Industrial General Permit at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml, under Water Quality Topics choose *Storm Water Industrial Permitting Issues*. The e-mail list serve will be the primary method for providing future notices related to the Industrial General Permit and its implementation. Persons without access to e-mail may request paper copies of future notices by submitting a request in writing to: Industrial General Permit, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board's Web site:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>.

The Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting date. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice (800) 735-2929; voice to TDD (800) 735-2922.

All visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting in the building. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building's public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to security requirements. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance, and then proceed to the Coastal Hearing Room.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to:

Mr. Leo Cosentini at (916) 341-5524 or e-mail at lcosentini@waterboards.ca.gov or

Ms. Laurel Warddrip at (916) 341-5531 or e-mail at lwarddrip@waterboards.ca.gov.

August 31, 2012

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board