NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES
ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES (ORDER 2014-0057-DWQ) EXTENDING
DEADLINE FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMITTALS OF PERMIT REGISTRATION
DOCUMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water
Board) will receive public comments on proposed amendment to the general permit for storm
water discharges associated with industrial activities (Order 2014-0057-DWQ) (General Permit)
extending the deadline for Dischargers to submit permit registration documents via the State
Water Board’s Storm Water Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS)
website from July 1, 2015 to August 14, 2015.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Board will consider the
adoption of the proposed amendment to the General Permit at its regularly scheduled
Board meeting. The date, time and location of the meeting are:

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 — 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna, Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Storm water associated with industrial activities is regulated under a National Pollutant
Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the State Water Board under authority
delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The State Water Board adopted the
General Permit on April 1, 2014. The General Permit became effective on July 1, 2015. The
General Permit requires Existing Dischargers to submit permit registration documents to obtain
coverage under the Permit via SMARTS by July 1, 2015.

Leading up to the July 1, 2015 deadline, SMARTS experienced significant technical difficulties
that rendered SMARTS inaccessible to Dischargers attempting to file permit registration
documents as well as State Water Board staff who were assisting Dischargers with enrollment.
State Water Board staff diligently worked to resolve the technical issues before the July 1, 2015
deadline, but technical problems persisted, particularly as there was a surge in online traffic on
SMARTS in the days before the July 1, 2015 effective date.
Because of ongoing technical difficulties, a large number of Dischargers were unable to submit the required permit registration documents through SMARTS by July 1, 2015 despite repeated attempts to use SMARTS. State Water Board staff proposes extending the deadline for permit registration documents to August 14, 2015, which should give State Water Board staff sufficient time to resolve technical issues with SMARTS. While technical issues are being resolved, the General Permit would be in effect. The proposed deadline extension would not affect any of the other requirements or deadlines in the General Permit. Dischargers would be required to maintain permit registration documents on site until they are able to submit the documents via SMARTS and would be required to submit permit registration documents electronically by August 14, 2015. Any other information required by the General Permit to be submitted electronically, such as monitoring data, would also be required to be kept on site until Dischargers are able to submit the information via SMARTS, and that information would be required to be submitted electronically by August 14, 2015.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY
The proposed amendment and related documents are available to view or download on the State Water Board’s Web site at:

Interested parties may request a paper copy of the proposed amendment by contacting Ms. Laurel Warddrip at (916) 341-5531 or Laurel.Warddrip@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS
The State Water Board will only accept written and oral comments that are limited to the identified proposed amendments to the General Permit. Interested parties may submit their written comments electronically, by mail, or hand delivery. Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in PDF text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via email 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. Written comments must be received by 12:00 noon on August 3, 2015 and addressed to:

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

Please also indicate in the subject line, “Comment Letter – Submittal Deadline Extension for Industrial General Permit.”

Couriers delivering hard copies of the comment letters must check with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600

PROCEDURAL MATTERS
At the adoption meeting, participants will be required to limit their oral comments to the proposed amendment to the General Permit. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited.
PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY
There is a parking garage across from the building with entrances on 10th and 11th Streets between “I” and “J” Streets, and metered parking spaces in the vicinity of the building. For a map, see our Web site: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm.

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CONTACT INFORMATION
Questions about this notice may be directed to Ms. Laurel Warddrip at (916) 341-5531 or Laurel.Warddrip@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Jeanine Townsend
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