State Water Resources Control Board



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DRAFT STATEWIDE GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF STORM WATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES (INDUSTRIAL GENERAL PERMIT)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing to accept comments on the draft Industrial General Permit. A quorum of the Board may be present; however, no State Water Board action will be taken. The location and time of the hearing are provided below.

March 29, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr./Cal-EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

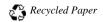
BACKGROUND

On April 17, 1997, the State Water Board adopted the Industrial General Permit (<u>Water Quality Order 97-03-DWQ</u>) for 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 has considered the report's conclusions and recommendations in the preparation of this draft Industrial General Permit. In addition, staff has considered comments that were raised during 2003 and 2005 in preparing the draft Industrial General Permit. The draft Industrial General Permit is currently not in its complete form.

California Environmental Protection Agency



When the final substantive changes are made, it will be recirculated to the public for review and another public hearing will be held.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The draft Industrial General Permit and the existing Industrial General Permit are available to view or download on the Storm Water Web site: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml

REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS, COMMENTS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The State Water Board is interested in receiving comments regarding all aspects of the draft Industrial General Permit. Oral comments can be made during the public hearing. Comments on the draft Industrial General Permit may also be submitted in writing. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on Monday, April 18, 2011** and addressed to:

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

Comment letters may be submitted to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at (916) 341-5620.

Please indicate in the subject line: "Comment Letter – Draft Industrial General Permit".

For information regarding future public notices or status of the Industrial General Permit, please sign up for the "Storm Water Industrial Permitting Issues" electronic mailing lists at the State Water Board's Lyris List Web site:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

A parking garage is located across from the Cal-EPA building with entrances on 10th and 11th Streets between "I" and "J" Streets. Metered parking spaces are also available in the vicinity of the building. For a map, refer to the State Water Board Web site: http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm

Please note: All visitors to the Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and receive a badge at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance before proceeding to the Coastal Hearing Room on the 2nd floor.

The Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least 5 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 1 800-735-2929; voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

Questions regarding the draft Industrial General Permit should be directed to Leo Cosentini at (916) 341-5524 or email at losentini@waterboards.ca.gov or Laurel Warddrip at (916) 341-5531 or email at lwarddrip@waterboards.ca.gov.

January 28, 2011	Geanine Townsend
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