

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
WADHAM ENERGY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
AND
ENPOWER MANAGEMENT CORP.
BIOMASS-FIRED COGENERATION FACILITY
CLASS II SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS
COLUSA COUNTY

Wadham Energy Limited Partnership owns and Enpower Management Corp. operates a biomass-fired electrical power plant facility in Colusa County. Waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the facility are undergoing a regular 10-year update to bring them up to date with current standards and any changes at the facility. The 28-megawatt power plant is fueled by rice hulls and rice straw. Power plant cooling water is concentrated and discharged at a rate of approximately 1.8 gallons per minute to two half-acre double-lined Class II surface impoundments. Further information about the facility and the proposed requirements can be found in the Findings and the Information Sheet of the tentative WDRs that are available on the Regional Board's website at www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 24/25 January 2008
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Central Valley Regional Board
- Wadham Energy Limited Partnership and Enpower Management Corp.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **5 December 2007**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than

5 December 2007. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5 December 2007** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the proposed item should contact **Bill Brattain at (916) 464-4622**. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Jack E. Del Conte, Assistant Executive Officer

5 November 2007