

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Consideration of Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0082058)
for

**WHEELABRATOR SHASTA ENERGY COMPANY, INC.
AND WHEELABRATOR LASSEN, INC.
SHASTA COUNTY**

Wheelabrator Shasta Energy Company, Inc. owns and operates a 54-megawatt (MW) wood-fired electrical generating facility (Shasta facility). Wheelabrator Lassen, Inc. owns and operates a 48.5-MW natural gas fired plant (Lassen facility) and discharges industrial storm water, via the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District canal, to the Sacramento River, in Shasta County. An unspecified volume of process water and storm water is discharged from the facility year round. The proposed permit would implement limitations to protect the quality of the receiving water. The Discharger's mailing address is 20811 Industry Road, Anderson, CA 96007. The discharge is regulated under an existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge and requested renewal of the existing NPDES permit. Staff recommends the Regional Water Quality Control Board adopt the proposed NPDES permit to regulate the discharge from the facility.

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

DATE: 23 and 24 April 2009
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Water Board
- Wheelabrator Shasta Energy Company, Inc. and Wheelabrator Lassen, Inc.

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 **5:00 p.m. on 5 April 2009**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The tentative Waste Discharge Requirements were issued on **5 March 2009**. 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 by **5:00 p.m. on 5 April 2009**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 5 April 2009** 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 Wheelabrator Shasta Energy Company, Inc. and Wheelabrator Lassen, Inc. should contact Daniel Warner by telephone at (530) 224-4848. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002-0129 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water 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 Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml 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.

Original signed by

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