

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
LOS ANGELES REGION**

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**Public Notice No. 17-023  
NPDES No. CA0000335**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

<u>DISCHARGER</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LOCATION</u>	<u>RECEIVING WATER</u>
Chevron Products Company El Segundo Refinery	320 W. El Segundo Blvd. El Segundo, CA 90245	Pacific Ocean

Chevron Products Company (hereinafter "Discharger" or "Chevron") is the owner and operator of the El Segundo Refinery (hereinafter "Facility" or "Refinery"), a petroleum refinery located at 320 W. El Segundo Blvd., El Segundo, California. The Facility converts crude oil and other intermediates into refined petroleum products including: motor gasoline, jet fuel, diesel fuel, fuel oils, gas oils, liquefied petroleum gases, fuel blending components, coke, ammonia, and molten sulfur. The Facility also maintains the ability to import and export motor gasoline, jet fuel, diesel fuel, fuel oils, gas oils, and fuel blending components through its marine terminal and to import and export liquefied petroleum products through its rail and truck loading racks.

Crude oil and intermediates are delivered by ship to the marine terminal, pumped to the Facility by existing underwater pipelines, and/or received via pipeline directly to the Facility. The Facility utilizes a variety of technologies to turn the crude oil and intermediates into refined products including: atmospheric and vacuum distillation, catalytic cracking, alkylation, isomerization, coking, catalytic reforming, hydrogenation, sulfur recovery, chemical treating, and product blending.

The Refinery's wastewater treatment facility consists of two separate drain and treatment systems: the unsegregated system and the segregated system. The unsegregated system is used for non-process wastewater including cooling tower blowdown, steam condensate, a portion of the refinery's recovery well groundwater, and other wastewater streams containing free oil removed with primary treatment only. This system is also used to collect and treat storm water. The segregated system is used to treat petroleum process wastewater containing emulsified oils, and a portion of the Refinery's recovery well groundwater.

The Facility discharges treated wastewater and treated storm water to the Pacific Ocean, a water of the United States. The Discharger was previously regulated by Order No. R4-2013-0025, which was adopted by the Regional Water Board on February 7, 2013.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Regional Board tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

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Order No. R4-2013-0025 included a new acute toxicity effluent limitation of 2.7 TU<sub>a</sub>. The Discharger also requested the Regional Water Board to issue a Time Schedule Order (TSO) with an interim effluent limitation for acute toxicity. The Regional Water Board found that the Discharger justified its request and adopted TSO No. R4-2013-0026 on February 7, 2013 to provide the Discharger with time to make required changes to meet the acute toxicity effluent limitation. TSO No. R4-2013-0026 included an interim limitation of 8.7 TU<sub>a</sub> for acute toxicity.

On February 1, 2016, the Discharger provided the Regional Water Board with a summary of progress made to address the requirements of TSO No. R4-2013-0026. The summary indicated that the segregated drain was identified as the source of organic toxicants and that a Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) system was selected as the mitigation measure for addressing the organic toxicants. Construction of the PAC system required a permit from the Air Quality Management District (AQMD). The AQMD permit application was submitted on June 15, 2015 and the permit was received in late January of 2017. To account for the delay associated with obtaining the AQMD permit the Discharger has requested additional time, until September 30, 2018, to complete the TSO tasks.

Concurrent with the adoption of the waste discharge requirements, the Regional Board also tentatively proposes to adopt a TSO which includes an interim limitation of 8.7 TU<sub>a</sub> for acute toxicity and establishes certain tasks that the Discharger must complete by September 30, 2018 to come into compliance with the tentative requirements for acute toxicity.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: October 5, 2017  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge, related documents, tentative requirements, tentative TSO, comments received and other information received on the discharge are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Los Angeles Region  
320 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles Regional Board at (213) 576-6600. The entire file will become a part of the administrative record of this proceeding, irrespective of whether individual documents are specifically referenced during the hearing. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any particular documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than 5 business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

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The tentative WDRs, tentative TSO, comments received and the response to comments when they are received and/or issued will also be available on the Regional Water Board's website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml)

#### NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal adjudicative hearing pursuant to section 648 et seq. of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedure Act (commencing with section 11500 of the Government Code) will not apply to this proceeding.

*Ex Parte Communications Prohibited:* As a quasi-adjudicative proceeding, no board member may discuss the subject of this hearing with any person, except during the public hearing itself. Any communications to the Regional Board must be directed to staff.

#### COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is:

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#### PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

1. The applicant/permittee

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to the above address. To be evaluated and responded to by staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments must be emailed to [losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov) with a copy to [thomas.siebels@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:thomas.siebels@waterboards.ca.gov), no later than close of business on September 18, 2017. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Chevron Products Company, CA0000337". Comments or evidence received after that date will be submitted, ex agenda, to the Board for consideration, but only included in the administrative record with express approval of the Chair during the hearing. Additionally, if the Board receives only supportive comments, the permit may be placed on the Board's consent calendar, and approved without an oral testimony.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The meeting, in which the hearing will be a part of, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. Staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to 3 minutes maximum or less for each speaker, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Parties or persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

Parties or persons with special procedural requests should contact staff. Any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing not later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, this case will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on November 2, 2017. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: August 18, 2017