

## Negative Declaration

This statement and attachments constitutes the Negative Declaration as proposed for adoption by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) for the project described below.

**Posting Date:** February 13, 2004  
**To State Clearinghouse:** February 13, 2004  
**Comment Period:** February 13, 2004, to March 15, 3003  
**Proposed Adoption Date:** March 24, 2004

**Project Name:** Categorical Waiver for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Federal Land Managed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service in the North Coast Region

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**Project Description:** The project consists of the adoption of a proposed order for waiving waste discharge requirements for timber harvest activities on federal land that meet specified eligibility criteria and qualify for a waiver under Water Code Section 13269. Any such waivers issued pursuant to this policy would be determined by the Regional Water Board not to adversely affect the quality of or the beneficial uses of the waters of the State, to be consistent the applicable Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) and to be in the public interest pursuant to California Water Code Section 13269. Any such waivers must be conditional and may be terminated at any time by the Regional Water Board or its Executive Officer.

**Project Location:** All or parts of Mendocino, Lake, Glenn, Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, Siskiyou, and Modoc Counties.

**Environmental Finding:** The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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**Other Agencies Who's Approval May be Required:** None

**Public Hearing:** March 24, 2003, Regional Water Board, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Attachments:** Initial Study; and, Proposed Order No. R1-2004-0015, Categorical Waiver for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Federal Land Managed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service in the North Coast Region.

**How to Submit Comments:** The Lead Agency invites comments on the proposal from all interested persons and parties. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2004. Written comments should be addressed to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board at the address/fax provided above. Written and/or oral comments will also be accepted at the public hearing. For more information contact: Nathan Quarles at (707) 576-2684, or quarn@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov