



**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region
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Interested Parties

Subject: Limited Term Amendment to NTMP Provisions of Order No. R1-2009-0038, Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region

Enclosed is a copy of Limited Term Amendment to NTMP Provisions of Order No. R1-2009-0038 (Regional Board Order No. R1-2011-0038), amending Categorical Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities on Non-Federal Lands in the North Coast Region (Order No. R1-2009-0038) to temporarily suspend the new (2009) NTMP provisions, which was adopted on March 24, 2011.

The terms of the amendment are effective immediately and modify waiver conditions applicable only to NTMPs and apply until February 1, 2012. We recommend you read the modifications carefully and contact the Regional Board if you have additional questions. The Waiver and amendment are also available on the Regional Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/timber_operations/timber_waiver

The following is a summary of submittal information depending on NTMP approval date:

NTMPs approved by CalFire prior to June 2004 are covered under the 2004 Waiver conditions

- May continue to conduct timber harvesting activities provided the plan meets the conditions of that Waiver.
- Submit a Notice of Timber Operations (NTO) to the Regional Water Board at least five (5) days prior to commencement of timber harvest activities.

NTMPs approved by CalFire after June 2004 and not previously covered by 2004 or 2009 waivers

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- Must submit a Certification Notice to apply for coverage under the Categorical Waiver Order No. R1-2009-0038 (as amended by Order No. R1-2011-0038)
- Submit an Erosion Control Plan with each NTO
- May commence Timber harvest activities no sooner than fourteen (14) days after Regional Water Board receipt of the Certification.

For more information, please contact Regional Water Board staff member Jim Burke at (707) 576-2289 or at jburke@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by David Leland

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Cc: Attached interested party list