

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(707) 576-2220

Public Notice No. CA0024058

Notice of Public Hearing

For

Proposed Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2009-0107

For

***Sonoma County Water Agency and
Russian River County Sanitation District***
Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)
NPDES Permit No. CA0024058, WDID No. 1B82045OSON

Sonoma County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, proposes to adopt Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2009-0107 in the matter of the Sonoma County Water Agency and Russian River County Sanitation District (Discharger) for violations and threatened violations of effluent limitations established in Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2009-0003 for dichlorobromomethane and copper. Order No. R1-2009-0003 also serves as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. This item will be open for public comment between September 17, 2009 and October 19, 2009.

The proposed Cease and Desist Order establishes compliance schedules that include actions that the Discharger must complete in accordance with specified time schedules in order to meet final effluent limitations for dichlorobromomethane and copper, sets interim effluent limitations for dichlorobromomethane and copper that the Discharger must meet, and shields the Discharger from being penalized for violations of the final effluent limitations established in Order No. R1-2009-0003 as long as the Discharger is complying with the interim effluent limitations and requirements of the proposed Cease and Desist Order.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public meeting to consider comments and objections to the proposed Cease and Desist Order is scheduled for December 10, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room in Santa Rosa. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed Cease and Desist Order, or take other action.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on October 26, 2009 at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California 95403. All

documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Written material received after the above date will not be accepted, except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair. Untimely written material will not be accepted or incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at this hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Quality Control Board no later than October 26, 2009. The statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of his or her intended testimony. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger may be limited to three minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at this public hearing. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that in order to avoid unnecessary repetitive testimony, that one spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of many individuals, when those individuals share a common affiliation or interest.

Document Review

The tentative Order, related documents and comments received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board's office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review. Appointments can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. The Order and associated documents are also available on the Regional Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/.

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

September 17, 2009