

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Of

Order No. R1-2012-0033
Proposed Waste Discharge Requirements

And

Cease and Desist Order No. R1-2012-0032
(includes Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. 98-33)

For

United States Coast Guard Petaluma Training Center (TRACEN)
Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)
WDID No. 1B72033OSON

Sonoma County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider adoption of the above proposed Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and Cease and Desist Order (CDO) for the United States Coast Guard TRACEN WWTF. Proposed Order No. R1-2012-0033 will replace WDR Order No. 85-162 and will adopt the Environmental Assessment-Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the U.S. Coast Guard in cooperation with the Regional Water Board as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document for the WDRs. Proposed Order No. R1-2012-0032 will replace CDO No. 98-33 which will be rescinded. The CDO is for violations and threatened violations of WDR Order No. R1-2012-0033, and rescinds existing CDO No. 98-33. The Orders will be open for public comment between February 2, 2012, and March 9, 2012.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed Orders is scheduled for April 26, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., in Santa Rosa, California, or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda. The meeting will be held at the Regional Water Board's Office, located at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed waste discharge requirements and cease and desist Order.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary 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

March 9, 2012, 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.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material, that material will not be 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 Board no later than March 9, 2012. 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 3 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 draft Orders and other 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 may be made by calling (707) 576-2220. In addition, these documents may be viewed on the Regional Water Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/public_notices/public_hearings/npdes_permits_and_wdrs.shtml

Catherine Kuhlman
Executive Officer

February 2, 2012