

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Myriam L. Zech)  
MEETING DATE: January 11, 2006

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: **General Chemical Corporation, Pittsburg, Contra Costa County** - Hearing to Consider Mandatory Minimum Penalty (MMP) for Discharge of Partially Treated Wastewater to Waters of the State

CHRONOLOGY: Previous MMPs were assessed in December 2003 and August 2004.

DISCUSSION: General Chemical violated its mercury limits eleven times during the period between June 1, 2004, and September 30, 2005. All these violations are subject to MMPs for a total of \$33,000, of which \$24,000 will be suspended to fund a supplemental environmental project (SEP).

General Chemical has had ongoing compliance problems with this limit. As of next year, General Chemical will no longer discharge process wastewater, but will instead route process wastewater to the sanitary sewer.

General Chemical has signed a waiver to a hearing (Appendix B), and proposes to undertake an SEP in the Kirker Creek watershed. This project would provide funding for the purchase of equipment (stream flow gauge, portable water analysis lab, immunoassay test kit) to be used for water quality monitoring by Los Medanos College General Chemistry students. The students perform an important community service by monitoring water quality.

RECOMMEN-  
DATION: No action required.

File No.: 2119.1001 (MLZ)

Appendices: A. Complaint No. R2-2005-0060  
B. Signed Waiver

## Appendix A

## Appendix B

## **Appendix C**

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