



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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June 26, 2008

Ms. Rita L. Robinson, Director  
City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation  
433 South Spring Street, Suite 400  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Dear Ms. Robinson:

### **TENTATIVE AMENDMENT OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (WDRs) AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT – CITY OF LOS ANGELES, TERMINAL ISLAND TREATMENT PLANT (CA0053856, CI-2171)**

The City of Los Angeles' September 6, 2007, letter contained the results of the "Background Concentration Study for the Los Angeles Harbor", and a request to amend Terminal Island Treatment Plant's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Order No. R4-2005-0024, adopted by the Regional Board on April 5, 2005, and to include the application of a dilution credit of 61 to calculate the final effluent limitations for ammonia, MBAS, copper, lead, mercury, and silver. A reopener to do this was a provision of your NPDES permit.

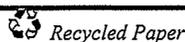
Accordingly, pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and in accordance with the California Water Code, a tentative amendment for the waste discharge requirements has been prepared for the Board's consideration.

Enclosed are copies of the following:

1. Tentative amendment,
2. Publication, consisting of:
  - a. Instruction Sheet for Public Notice;
  - b. Public Notice; and,
  - c. Statement of Posting Notice.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Board at a public hearing to be held on September 11, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California, will consider the enclosed tentative amendment and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative amendment. It is expected

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Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, Clean Water Act Standards and Permits (WTR-5)  
U.S. Army Corp of Engineers  
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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Ecological Services  
State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel - Michael Levy  
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California Department of Fish and Game, Region 5  
California Department of Fish and Game, Marine Resources Region  
California Department of Health Services, Environmental Management Branch  
California Department of Health Services, Drinking Water Branch – Kurt Souza  
California Coastal Commission, South Coast Region  
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission  
Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Waste Management Division  
Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services  
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Wastewater  
System Engineering Division  
  
City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Industrial Waste  
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City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Watershed Protection  
Division  
City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power  
City of Los Angeles, Office of Chief Legislative Analyst, - Rafael Prieto  
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American Ocean Campaign  
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Santa Monica BayKeeper  
Sierra Club  
Surfrider Foundation  
Southern California Coastal Water Research Project  
Natural Resources Defense Council

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that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

Written comments regarding the tentative amendment must be received at the Regional Board office by the close of business on July 28, 2008, in order to be evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date will be provided, ex agenda, to the Board for their consideration. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Regional Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. Comments received after the requested date may result in delay in consideration of the tentative Order.

With respect to the public notices, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and California Code of Regulations, you are required to follow the enclosed instructions for posting of the notice no later than July 1, 2008.

Failure to post the notice by the above date may require us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require posting of a second notice. Please notify this Board by telephone when the notice has been posted and submit the proof of posting as required in the enclosed instructions. Proof of posting the notice must be received by the Executive Officer of this Regional Board no later than July 8, 2008.

All pertinent documents in the record, as well as written comments received in the future, can be viewed at the Regional Board's web address at [www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/).

If you have any questions, please contact Don Tsai at (213) 576-6665 or call me at (213) 576-6720.

Sincerely,



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Unit Chief, Municipal Permitting Unit (NPDES)

Enclosures

cc: See mailing list

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