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July 7, 2009

Mr. Malcolm Pitt
Terminal Manager
Metropolitan Stevedore Company
1045 Pier G Avenue, Berth 212
Long Beach, CA 90802

Dear Mr. Pitt:

TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – METROPOLITAN STEVEDORE COMPANY, MARINE BULK TERMINAL, LONG BEACH, CA. (NPDES NO. CA0057746, CI NO. 5354)

We have completed our review of your application for renewal of your permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

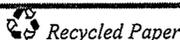
Pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and in accordance with the California Water Code, the tentative waste discharge requirements have been prepared.

Enclosed are copies of the following:

1. Tentative requirements, consisting of:
 - a. Board Order;
 - b. Definitions, Acronyms & Abbreviations (Attachment A);
 - c. Topographic Map (Attachment B);
 - d. Flow Schematic (Attachment C);
 - e. Federal Standard Provisions (Attachment D);
 - f. Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E);
 - g. Fact Sheet (Attachment F);
 - h. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Requirements (Attachment G);
 - i. SWRCB Minimum Levels (Attachment H); and
 - j. List of Priority Pollutants (Attachment I).
 - k. Summary Of Reasonable Potential Analysis (Attachment J)

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

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Mr. Malcolm Pitt
Metropolitan Stevedore Company

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In accordance with administrative procedures, this Board at a public hearing to be held on September 3, 2009, 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 requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this discharge and the tentative requirements. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

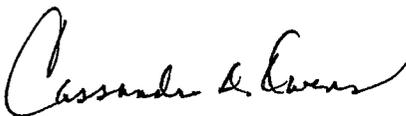
Written submissions pertaining to this proposed Board action must be received by this Regional Board no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on August 6, 2009, in order to be evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that 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. The Regional Board chair may exclude from the record written materials received after this date. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23, § 648.4.)

With respect to the public notices, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and the California Code of Regulations, you are required to follow the enclosed instructions for publication or posting of the notice not later than July 14, 2009.

Failure to publish or post the notice by the above date will force us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the publication or posting of a second notice. Please notify this Board by telephone when the notice has been published and submit the proof of publication or posting as required in the enclosed instructions. Proof of posting or publication of the notice must be received by the Executive Officer of this Regional Board no later than July 20, 2009.

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

Sincerely,



Cassandra Owens, Chief
Industrial Permitting Unit

Enclosures

cc: See mailing list

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MAILING LIST

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NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service
Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works, Waste Management Division
Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services
Dr. Mark Gold, Heal the Bay
Mr. Tom Ford, Santa Monica BayKeeper
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INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT
FOR
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

Metropolitan Stevedore Company
(CA0057746)

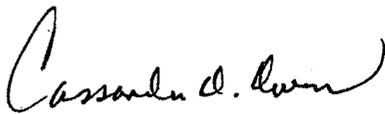
One copy of a notice of your report of waste discharge and a statement of posting form are enclosed. By July 14, 2009, you are directed to comply with one of the following methods of informing the public of your waste discharge:

1. Post the enclosed notice in the post office and public places of the municipality nearest the premises in which the effluent source is located; or
2. Post copies of the enclosed public notice in conspicuous places near the entrance of the premises and in the locality to be affected by the discharge; or
3. Publish the enclosed public notice in a daily newspaper or periodical which circulates in the general locality to be affected by the discharge.

Any expenses arising from the posting or publication of the enclosed public notice shall be borne by the discharger.

You must file with this office proof of such posting or publication. Proof of posting shall consist of a statement executed on the enclosed form; proof of publication shall consist of an affidavit of the publisher or foreman of the newspaper, with copy of the notice, as published, attached. Proof of posting or publication must be submitted to this Board by July 20, 2009.

Failure to post or publish the public notice by the specified date will force us to reschedule this item for a later hearing and will require the posting or publication of a second notice.



Cassandra Owens, Chief
Industrial Permitting Unit

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION**

320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013
(213) 576-6600

Public Notice No. 09-097
NPDES No. CA0057746

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE
OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

<u>DISCHARGER</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LOCATION</u>	<u>RECEIVING WATER</u>
Metropolitan Stevedore Company Bulk Marine Terminal	1045 Pier G Avenue Berth 212 Long Beach, CA 90802	Long Beach Inner Harbor

Metropolitan Stevedore Company (hereinafter Discharger) is the operator of a bulk marine terminal located at Pier G, Berths 212 through 215, in the Port of Long Beach (hereinafter Facility). The Facility discharges wastewater to the Long Beach Inner Harbor, a water of the United States, and is currently regulated by Order No. R4-2004-0140 which was adopted on September 2, 2004 and expires on August 10, 2009. The Discharger filed a report of waste discharge and submitted an application for renewal of its Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit on February 23, 2009.

The Discharger operates a bulk cargo marine terminal at Pier G, Berths 212 through 215, Long Beach, California, and discharges up to 900,000 gallons per day (gpd) of treated storm water and wastewater (truck wash water, overspray from facility wash downs, and leaks from air pollution control mist and water spray systems, material moisture, and warehouse washdowns) from the Facility.

Operations in the Facility consist of marine cargo handling and special bulk cargo storage. The cargo consists of "bulk material" such as coal, petroleum coke, sulfur, and white powdered chemicals (calcium carbonate, lime, and other similar products). The bulk material is off loaded from trucks and rail cars, either into storage sheds at the site, or onto ocean vessels.

The storm water runoff and wastewater are routed via facility drains to the M-1 sump and subsequently pumped to the Facility's water reclamation system. Reclaimed water is used for wash downs, dust control, and added to bulk materials. The water reclamation system consists of a 1 million gallon storage and equalization tank, 12,500-gallon auxiliary storage tank for dirty water, clarifier, and a 25,000-gallon clean water storage tank. Flocculant, caustic soda, aluminum sulfate, and sulfuric acid are added after the water goes through the storage and equalization tank and before the clarifier. Clarifier underflow is transferred to two sludge drying beds. Drainage from the sludge drying beds is routed to the storage and equalization tank.

The discharge of treated storm water runoff and wastewater occurs during rain events, particularly when the storage tanks are full and the amount of treated water that can be reused is exceeded by inflow, so that discharge to the storm drain is necessary. The Discharger uses as much of the

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treated water as possible at its Facility. The discharge takes place by opening the discharge valve and allowing effluent flow to discharge through the storm drain then to the Thums Outfall, Discharge Point No. 001. Storm water and wastewater is discharged from Thums Outfall, Discharge Point No. 001 (Latitude 33°45'00" N, Longitude 118°12'13") to the Long Beach Inner Harbor, a water of the United States, within the estuary.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions.

HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: September 3, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Board Room,
700 North Alameda Street,
Los Angeles, CA

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge, related documents, tentative requirements, comments received, and other information received on the discharge are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles Regional Board at (213) 576-6600.. The entire file will become a part of the administrative record of this proceeding, irrespective of whether individual documents are specifically referenced during the hearing. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any particular documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than 5 business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal adjudicative hearing pursuant to section 648 et seq. of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedure Act (commencing with section 11500 of the Government Code) will not apply to this proceeding.

Ex Parte Communications Prohibited: As a quasi-adjudicative proceeding, no board member may discuss the subject of this hearing with any person, except during the public hearing itself. Any communications to the Regional Board must be directed to staff.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is:

Don Tsai
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013
PHONE: (213) 576-6652
FAX: (213) 576-6660
DTsai@waterboards.ca.gov

PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

1. The applicant/permittee

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to the above address. To be evaluated and responded to by staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments must be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on August 6, 2009. Comments or evidence received after that date will be submitted, ex agenda, to the Board for consideration, but only included in administrative record with express approval of the Chair during the hearing. Additionally, if the Board receives only supportive comments, the permit may be placed on the Board's consent calendar, and approved without an oral testimony.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The meeting, in which the hearing will be a part of, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. Staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to 3 minutes maximum or less for each speaker, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Parties or persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

Parties or persons with special procedural requests should contact staff. Any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing not later than close of 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

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If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on October 1, 2009. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: July 7, 2009

STATEMENT OF POSTING NOTICE
NPDES NO: CA0057746

REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE BY: Metropolitan Stevedore Company says:
(NAME OF PERSON WHO POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

(INSERT "THAT HE IS THE DISCHARGER" OR "THAT ACTING
ON BEHALF OF THE DISCHARGER")

who filed the Report of Waste Discharge with the CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY
CONTROL BOARD, _____ Region,

_____ on the ____ day of _____ 20____,
("AND DID" OR "HE DID")

post two copies of notice of said report identical to the attached copy.

That he posted one copy of said notice

(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

_____ and the other copy of said notice _____
(DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE

POSTED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE)

_____ That each of said copies thus posted occupied a conspicuous place in the locality to be
affected by the proposed discharge.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

Signed on the ____ day of _____, 20____, at _____, California.

(SIGNATURE OF PERSON WHO
POSTED COPIES OF NOTICE)

COMPANY: _____

TITLE: _____