



California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

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Subject: Review of Monitoring Reports for USMC Sewage Treatment Plant 9

Mr. Bonsavage:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the March 2012-December 2012 monthly monitoring reports and the January-December 2012 annual monitoring report. These reports were submitted by the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Program of Order No. 98-04.

The following violations of Order No. 98-04 were identified in the submitted reports:

1. Effluent pH values were reported as 9.1 and 9.1 on September 5 and 19, 2012 respectively. Section B.3 (Discharge Specifications) of Order No. 98-04 specifies that the effluent pH values shall be between 6.0 and 9.0 at all times. The USMC reported that the PH exceedances may have resulted from a faulty pH meter.
2. No effluent pH value was reported between September 20 and 30, 2012. Section B.1 (Effluent Monitoring) of Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 98-04 specifies that effluent shall be analyzed for pH weekly. In addition, Section C.4 (Facility Design and Operation Specifications) requires the USMC to comply with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 98-04. The USMC also reported that the pH was not recorded because the pH meter was faulty.

Unless these violations are corrected, the USMC may be subject to possible further enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board including administrative enforcement orders requiring the USMC to cease and desist from violations, or to clean up waste and abate existing or threatened conditions of pollution or nuisance; referral to the State Attorney General for injunctive relief; and referral to the District Attorney for criminal prosecution.

The next monitoring report required to be submitted is the January 2013 monthly monitoring report, due by February 28, 2013.