



## California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region

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Subject: Review of Monitoring Reports for USMC, Southern Region Tertiary

**Treatment Plant** 

Mr. Bonsavage:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) has reviewed the June 2012-November 2012 monthly monitoring reports; and the April 2012-June 2012 and July 2012-September 2012 quarterly monitoring reports. These reports were submitted by the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Program of Order No. R9-2009-0021.

The following violations of Order No. R9-2009-0021 were identified in the submitted reports:

The daily maximum discharge specification for chloride, established at 325 milligrams per liter (mg/L), were exceeded on July 1, August 5, September 3, October 2, and November 4, 2012 with reported values of 360, 360, 370, 360, and 340 mg/L respectively.

The USMC noted in the reports submitted that it plans to reduce effluent chloride concentrations by eliminating self-regenerating water softeners and by initiating reverse osmosis treatment of its potable water supply. The San Diego Water Board appreciates steps being taken by the USMC to improve effluent quality.

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 December 2012 monthly monitoring report, due by January 30, 2013.

In the subject line of any response, please include reference 388908: tkirkendall. Please contact Mr. Tyler Kirkendall at 858-627-3935, or at <a href="mailto:tkirkendall@waterboards.ca.gov">tkirkendall@waterboards.ca.gov</a> if you have any questions or comments.

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