

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD ON
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT INITIAL STUDY**

**TENTATIVE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. R9-2010-0002
FOR THE SHIPYARD SEDIMENT SITE, SAN DIEGO BAY**

INITIAL STUDY

A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) initial study is a preliminary analysis of a project's potential environmental effects. Based on the findings, a decision is made whether or not an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is necessary.

The Shipyard Sediment Cleanup Team (Cleanup Team) from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) prepared an initial study for the project described below:

Project Description: The project is a tentative Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) for cleanup of contaminated marine sediments at the National Steel and Shipbuilding Company Shipyard (NASSCO)/BAE Systems Shipyard Sediment Site in San Diego Bay. The cleanup remedy may include dredging, capping, and/or natural recovery. Dredge spoils may be dewatered at an onshore facility and disposed of at an appropriate landfill site.

Location: The Shipyard Sediment Site is located along the eastern shore of central San Diego Bay and encompasses an area extending approximately from the Sampson Street Extension to the north and Chollas Creek to the south and from the NASSCO and BAE Systems shipyard facilities shoreline out to the San Diego Bay main shipping channel on the west.

The initial study indicates that the proposed project may have a significant effect on Air Quality and Geology/Soils and as such, an EIR should be prepared. On December 22, 2009, the initial study was posted on the San Diego Water Board's website for a 30-day public review and comment period. No comments were received from the public.

CEQA SCOPING MEETING

On January 21, 2010, the Cleanup Team held a CEQA scoping meeting to receive comments on (1)

the initial study, and (2) the scope of the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR for the Cleanup and Abatement Order for the Shipyard Sediment Site. Comments were received from NASSCO, BAE Systems, Environmental Health Coalition, Sierra Club, and San Diego Coastkeeper.

EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The San Diego Water Board is extending the comment period on the initial study to 5:00 pm on Monday, March 22, 2010. Interested persons are encouraged to review the initial study and provide written comments to the Cleanup Team. Written comments are due no later than **5:00 pm on Monday, March 22, 2010**. Written comments should be submitted in either MS Word or pdf format by email to:

TAlo@waterboards.ca.gov

Comments on paper may also be submitted, but electronic format is preferred. Comments on paper should be submitted to:

Mr. Tom Alo
California Regional Water Quality Control Board,
San Diego Region
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Written responses to significant environmental comments will be posted on the San Diego Water Board's website prior to preparation of the EIR for the proposed project.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The initial study may be reviewed at the San Diego Water Board office or on the San Diego Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/shipyards_sediment/docs/sediment_cleanup/cut/updates_122209/Shipyard_InitialStudy.pdf

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For questions regarding this notice, please contact Mr. Tom Alo, Water Resource Control Engineer by:

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Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons you know who would be interested in this matter. Thank you for your interest in the protection of water quality.



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Executive Officer
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