



State Water Resources Control Board



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NOTICE OF FILING

To: Any Interested Person

From: State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
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Subject: Notice of Filing submitted under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code

Project Proponent: State Water Resources Control Board

Project Title: Revisions to the Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (SIP)

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Project Location: State of California

Project Description: As part of standards development, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) periodically reviews its policies as described in California Water Code (CWC) section 13143. Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(c)(1) also requires states to review water quality standards and policies affecting their implementation every three years. The project includes the following proposed revisions to the SIP:

- (1) Establishing Water Effect Ratios (WERs) as part of the permitting process;
- (2) Eliminating the reasonable potential trigger for situations when ambient background concentrations of a pollutant are greater than a criterion; and
- (3) Correcting non-regulatory language by eliminating, rephrasing, or adding sentences to improve clarity.

This notice is to advise that SWRCB is considering adoption of the suggested revisions to the SIP. Action on these revisions to the SIP will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exemption under section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Impact Report under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code 21000 et seq., and with other applicable laws and regulations.

California Environmental Protection Agency



Copies of the Functional Equivalent Document (FED), including the draft red-line/strike-out version of the SIP, can be downloaded from the SWRCB web page at www.swrcb.ca.gov.

Comments on the FED and red-line/strike-out draft of the SIP should be submitted by January 25, 2005.



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