
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 5, 2020

To all oilfield operators:

ADOPTED GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. R3-2020-0006 FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND BENEFICIAL REUSE OF PETROLEUM-IMPACTED SOILS ON ACTIVE OIL LEASES AND FEE PROPERTIES IN THE CENTRAL COAST REGION

On May 28, 2020, the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted General Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2020-0006 for the Management and Beneficial Reuse of Petroleum-Impacted Soils on Active Oil Leases and Fee Properties in the Central Coast Region (General Order). The General Order regulates the discharge of crude-oil impacted soils to waste pile management facilities and the beneficial reuse of these soils for the construction of oilfield infrastructure, such as access roads and berms. As an oilfield operator, you may be required to attain coverage under the General Order if all petroleum impacted soils generated on-site are not collected in complete containment vessels (i.e., shale bins, cutting bins, etc.) and/or disposed of off site at a permitted waste disposal facility. A copy of the General Order is included as an attachment to this letter.

Oilfield operators previously enrolled under General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R3-2010-0036 and/or Order No. R3-2010-0037 and who are seeking continued coverage under the General Order must file a Notice of Intent with the Central Coast Water Board by **August 26, 2020**.

Dischargers seeking coverage under General Order R3-2020-0006 (General Order) are required to file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board). The NOI consists of the following:

- a) A completed Form 200, which is available at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/forms/docs/form200.pdf
- b) A one-time application fee corresponding to a threat to water quality and complexity rating of 3C in the fee schedule found in the California Code of Regulations Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 9, Section 2200 (fee schedule).
- c) A technical report meeting the information described General Order Attachment C.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Smaira at nicholas.smaira@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (805) 549-3467, or Ryan Lodge at ryan.lodge@waterboards.ca.gov or by phone at (805) 549-3506.

Sincerely,

for Matthew T. Keeling
Executive Officer

Attachment: Order No. R3-2020-0006

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