

# LA County MS4 Permit – Receiving Water Limitations

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## V. RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS<sup>1</sup>

### A. Receiving Water Limitations

1. Discharges from the MS4 that cause or contribute to the violation of Receiving Water Limitations are prohibited.
2. Discharges from the MS4 of storm water, or non-storm water, for which a Permittee is responsible<sup>2</sup>, shall not cause or contribute to a condition of nuisance.
3. The Permittees shall comply with Sections V.A.1 and V.A.2 through timely implementation of control measures and other actions to reduce pollutants in the discharges in accordance with the storm water management program and its components and other requirements of this Order including any modifications. The storm water management program and its components shall be designed to achieve compliance with Receiving Water Limitations. If exceedances of Receiving Water Limitations persist, notwithstanding implementation of the storm water management program and its components and other requirements of this Order, the Permittee shall assure compliance with discharge prohibitions and Receiving Water Limitations by complying with the following procedure:
  - a. Upon a determination by either the Permittee or the Regional Water Board that discharges from the MS4 are causing or contributing to an exceedance of an applicable Receiving Water Limitation, the Permittee shall promptly notify<sup>3</sup> and thereafter submit a Receiving Water Limitations (RWL) Compliance Report (as described in the Program Reporting Requirements, Section [TBD] of the Monitoring and Reporting Program) to the Regional Water Board for approval. The RWL Compliance Report shall describe the BMPs that are currently being implemented by the Permittee and additional BMPs, including modifications to current BMPs that will be implemented to prevent or reduce any pollutants that are causing or contributing to the exceedances of Receiving Water Limitations. The RWL Compliance Report shall include an implementation schedule. This RWL Compliance Report may be incorporated in the annual Storm Water Report and Assessment unless the Regional Water Board directs an earlier submittal. The Regional Water Board may require modifications to the RWL Compliance Report.

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<sup>1</sup> **Receiving Water Limitation:** Any applicable numeric or narrative water quality standard, or limitation to implement the applicable water quality standard, for the receiving water as contained in the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan), water quality control plans or policies adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board, or federal regulations, including but not limited to, 40 CFR § 131.38.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 40 CFR § 122.26(a)(3)(vi), a Permittee is only responsible for discharges of storm water and non-storm water from the MS4 for which it is an owner or operator.

<sup>3</sup> Within 30 days of receipt of analytical results from the sampling event.

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- b. The Permittee shall submit any modifications to the RWL Compliance Report required by the Regional Water Board within 30 days of notification.
  - c. Within 30 days following the Executive Officer's approval of the RWL Compliance Report, the Permittee shall revise the storm water management program and its components and monitoring program to incorporate the approved modified BMPs that have been and will be implemented, an implementation schedule, and any additional monitoring required.
  - d. The Permittee shall implement the revised storm water management program and its components and monitoring program according to the approved implementation schedule.
4. So long as the Permittee has complied with the procedures set forth in Section V.A.3. above and is implementing the revised storm water management program and its components, the Permittee does not have to repeat the same procedure for continuing or recurring exceedances of the same receiving water limitations unless directed by the Regional Water Board to modify current BMPs or develop additional BMPs.