

5/4/10 Board Meeting
Once Through Cooling
Deadline: 4/13/10 by 12 noon

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Chairman Charlie R. Hoppin
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Hoppin,

I recently learned about "once-through cooling" (OTC) technology and its devastating effects on sea life. I appreciate your past efforts to develop a state policy that would protect California's ecosystems from OTC. But recent changes to the policy undermine the intent of the Clean Water Act to phase out these outdated and environmentally harmful cooling systems.

I urge the State Water Board to reject these policy amendments and to strengthen the state's integration of new cooling technologies. California has invested significant attention and dollars in restoring and maintaining our marine, coastal and Delta habitats. A protective OTC policy is essential to maintain these ongoing investments in healthy ecosystems. Please reject proposed amendments that move us backwards from this goal.

Sincerely,

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