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State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION MEETING AND  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS**

**FINAL DRAFT STATEWIDE GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT  
DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR THE  
DISCHARGE OF STORM WATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL  
ACTIVITIES (INDUSTRIAL GENERAL PERMIT)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive comments on proposed revisions to the Final Draft Industrial General Permit.

**NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the State Water Board will consider the adoption of the Final Draft Industrial General Permit at its regularly scheduled Board meeting. The date, time and location of the meeting are:

**Tuesday, April 1, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.  
Joe Serna, Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**BACKGROUND**

On April 17, 1997, the State Water Board adopted the existing Industrial General Permit, Water Quality Order 97-03-DWQ, for regulation of storm water discharges associated with industrial activity. The existing Industrial General Permit has expired but remains in effect until a new General Permit is adopted. State Water Board staff initiated an effort to reissue the Industrial General Permit in 2003. Concerns regarding the role of numeric effluent limitations in storm water permits halted this effort. On June 19, 2006, a panel of storm water experts submitted a report to the State Water Board titled: "The Feasibility of Numeric Effluent Limits Applicable to Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Municipal, Industrial and Construction Activities." (The Panel's final report is posted on the State Water Board Web site at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/numeric.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/numeric.shtml).) The State Water Board considered the report's conclusions and recommendations. In January 2011, the State Water Board released a draft Industrial General Permit for public comment. The State Water Board received many comments regarding associated increased regulatory costs and the imposition of numeric effluent limitations in the proposed permit. The State Water Board then released subsequent draft permits in July 2012 and July 2013 for additional comments.

The Final Draft Industrial General Permit addresses public comments received: (1) on the 2011 issued draft Industrial General Permit and subsequently issued draft permits, and (2) at the August 21, 2013 State Water Board public hearing. In addition to other concerns, the Final Draft Industrial General Permit addresses reduced regulatory compliance costs (compared to previous draft versions), and does not include numeric effluent limitations.

The State Water Board is seeking comments on the Final Draft Industrial General Permit prior to consideration of adoption at its April 1, 2014, Board meeting. As described below, comments must be focused on the proposed revisions to the Final Draft Industrial General Permit since the July 2013 version. Those proposed revisions are identified in the version of the Final Draft Industrial General Permit that is being released for public comment.

#### **AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS**

The Final Draft Industrial General Permit may be viewed and downloaded from the State Water Board's Web site at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml)

Paper copies or compact disc of the Final Draft Industrial General Permit are available upon request by writing to Industrial General Permit, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812, by calling 1-866-563-3107, or by emailing your request to [stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov).

#### **SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS**

**The State Water Board will only accept written and oral comments that are limited to the identified proposed revisions to the Final Draft Industrial General Permit made since July 19, 2013. Each public comment must clearly relate to a proposed revision and identify the revision by the applicable permit section number.** Comments that address any other aspect, section, or requirement of the Final Draft Industrial General Permit will not be accepted. No additional evidence may be submitted, unless it directly relates to a proposed revision.

Interested persons must submit written comments and any additional evidence (e.g. photographs, data, testimony) no later than **12:00 noon on Tuesday March 4, 2014** to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in pdf text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via email at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate the subject line: "**Comment Letter – April 1, 2014 Board Meeting: Final Draft Industrial General Permit**"

Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

## PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the adoption meeting, participants will be required to limit their oral comments to the proposed revisions made to the Final Draft Industrial General Permit since July 19, 2013, and are encouraged to summarize their written submissions. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited.

Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the Final Draft Industrial General Permit, including notices of the adoption meeting, must sign up for the Lyris e-mail list. Interested persons are encouraged to subscribe to an email list serve for future notices about the Industrial General Permit at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml), (select *Storm Water Industrial Permitting Issues* under the *Water Quality Topics* category). The email list serve will be the primary method for providing future notices related to the implementation of a newly issued Industrial General Permit. Persons without access to email may request paper copies of future notices by mailing such request to the above address.

## PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

There is a parking garage across from the building with entrances on 10th and 11th Streets between "I" and "J" Streets, and metered parking spaces in the vicinity of the building. For a map, see our Web site: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>.

Please note: All visitors to the Joe Serna Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building are required to sign in and receive a badge at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance.


Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance before proceeding to the Coastal Hearing Room on the second floor.

The Joe Serna Jr. - Cal/EPA Headquarters Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Michele Villados at (916) 341-5881, at least five working days prior to the meeting date. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice (800) 735-2929; voice to TDD (800) 735-2922.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Ms. Laurel Warddrip at (916) 341-5531 or [lwarddrip@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:lwarddrip@waterboards.ca.gov), or Mr. Leo Cosentini at (916) 341-5524 or [lcosentini@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:lcosentini@waterboards.ca.gov)

February 19, 2014  
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Date

  
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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board