

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND STIPULATED ORDER
in the matter of
C&H SUGAR COMPANY
C&H SUGAR REFINERY
830 LORING AVENUE
CROCKETT, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region Prosecution Team and C&H Sugar Company have entered into a proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Order (Order). The proposed Order imposes an administrative civil liability against C&H Sugar Company in the amount of \$379,200 for alleged permit violations.

This proposed liability is based on allegations that C&H Sugar Company violated its discharge permit by discharging approximately 170,000 to 228,000 gallons of process water to the Carquinez Strait. The unauthorized discharge occurred on February 19, 2011, from a corroded pipeline at the C&H Sugar Refinery.

Persons may comment on the proposed Order by submitting written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2011. Please send comments to the attention of Michael Chee, Regional Water Board, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, CA 94612.

The proposed Order is available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/pending_enforcement.shtml. For additional information and updates, please contact prosecutorial staff Michael Chee at 510-622-2333 or mchee@waterboards.ca.gov or check the Water Board website link cited above for documents and future developments associated with this matter.

Dated: August 4, 2011