



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

6/19/06 Hearing  
Chlorine Policy  
deadline: 6/5/06 5pm

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19 June 2006

Song Her, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Executive Office  
1001 I Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: Comments - Chlorine Policy

Dear Ms. Her:

We understand that a public hearing on the Total Residual Chlorine and Chlorine-Produced Oxidants Policy of California will be held today. EPA supports the State-wide adoption of EPA's 304(a) water quality criteria as State water quality standards to be implemented consistently throughout the State of California.

The adoption of these objectives will promote consistency in NPDES permits throughout the State and protect beneficial uses throughout surface waters of the State. Adoption of consistent objectives and NPDES implementation procedures will reduce workload for NPDES permit writers throughout the State, and give the general public and dischargers more certainty and lend transparency to the public process for adopting NPDES permits.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of Dena McCann and other State Board staff in bringing this policy to the Board. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact me at 415-972-3420 (or [eberhardt.doug@epa.gov](mailto:eberhardt.doug@epa.gov)) or Nancy Yoshikawa of my staff at 415-972-3535 (or [yoshikawa.nancy@epa.gov](mailto:yoshikawa.nancy@epa.gov)).

Sincerely,

*original signed by*

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Chief, CWA Standards and Permits Office

cc: Dena McCann, SWRCB