

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING MARCH 19, 2004

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SUBJECT: Enforcement Report

The System for Water Information Management (SWIM) Compliance Module (database created by the State and Regional Boards) tracks violations and enforcement actions. The Compliance Module has been revised to include enhancements for tracking associated Administrative Civil Liabilities.

Any violation that is listed as "Y" for "Yes" in "Significant Violation" column, as well as being listed as an "NPDES" in the "Program Type" column, is in the process of being issued a complaint for Mandatory Minimum Penalties. Nonsignificant violations may also be triggering a complaint, but it is not possible to determine all of those cases from just reviewing this report. We track those violations on a six-month period and follow up with complaints as appropriate.

The attached report covers the period December 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. During this time period, 21 dischargers had 59 violations resulting in 8 enforcement actions that were entered into SWIM. In some cases a facility will have multiple violations that led to a single enforcement action. Violations normally include effluent limit violations resulting from monitoring report reviews, violations resulting from compliance inspections, missing and late reports and sewer overflows. Enforcement actions range from verbal communications by staff to formal actions adopted by the Regional Board.

The Canada Woods and Rancho San Carlos Water Recycling Facilities in Carmel Valley each had several sodium, chloride, and total dissolved solids effluent violations. Water supply monitoring has revealed that elevated levels of these constituents in the water supply are responsible for the violations. This suggests effluent limitations for these constituents may be excessively stringent.

The U.S. Penitentiary / Lompoc Correctional Facility experienced nine pH violations from 12/22/03 through 12/31/03 due to the failure of their brine holding tank. The failure caused the stored brine to discharge to their ponds. The violations occurred while the facility arranged for and implemented the tank's replacement. Facility staff reported that upon tank replacement, effluent pH began trending back towards compliance. Some violations will also be noted on the January 2004 report, with consistent compliance reportedly achieved as of January 20.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Attached is a table of violations and enforcement actions for information only. The Board may direct staff to initiate additional action as appropriate.

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Enforcement Report
2. Glossary of Abbreviations

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