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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA) AMENDMENT; GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2022-0006-03 FOR LIMITED THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATER; CALIFORNIA DAIRIES, INC.; TIPTON MILK PROCESSING FACILITY; TULARE COUNTY

On 27 October 2023, California Dairies, Inc. (hereinafter Discharger), Tipton Milk Processing Facility (Facility) was enrolled under the General Order for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water (Limited Threat General Order) for its condensate water discharge to Morrison Ditch and assigned Limited Threat General Order R5-2022-0006-027 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAG995002. The Discharger requested to discharge condensate water to surface waters to perform maintenance on seven onsite percolation ponds, which are used to discharge treated wastewater, condensate water, and stormwater authorized by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2013-0109. The Discharger estimated two years were required to perform the pond maintenance. Therefore, the duration of the NOA was limited to two years, which initially expired on 27 October 2025.

The Discharger reportedly performed percolation pond maintenance year-round; however, according to the Discharger, the time to drain and dry the ponds during the cooler and wetter months was underestimated. Additionally, the Discharger incurred numerous effluent violations that raised concerns about its eligibility for continued coverage under the Limited Threat General Order. After discussions between Central Valley Water Board staff and Discharger representatives concerning the discharge to Morrison Ditch, the Discharger implemented additional actions that were projected to improve the quality of the discharge. Thus, the Discharger was granted a 90-day extension from 19 December 2025 through 19 March 2026.

On 6 March 2026, the Discharger requested an extension of the NOA to complete maintenance on the remaining percolation ponds. Since 19 December 2025, the Discharger has implemented steps to improve the quality of its discharge and to reduce the volume discharged to Morrison Ditch. The Discharger has also indicated it plans to seek an individual NPDES permit for its discharge to Morrison Ditch within the next two

years. Therefore, NOA R5-2022-0006-027 is amended, as specified in the Amendment section below, to provide permit coverage under the Limited Threat General Order for an additional two years. Please note that the Discharger did not have coverage under the Limited Threat General Order to discharge to Morrison Ditch from 28 October 2025 to 18 December 2025 and from 20 March 2026 to 21 April 2026.

AMENDMENT

The last sentence in the first paragraph of the 27 October 2023 NOA R5-2022-0006-027 is replaced in its entirety with the following:

The effective dates of this NOA are limited to 27 October 2023 through 27 October 2025, 19 December 2025 through 19 March 2026, and 22 April 2026 through 21 April 2028.

This amendment supersedes the amendment issued on 19 December 2025.

As a reminder, the Limited Threat General Order requires, among other things, the Discharger to *“take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this Order that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment”* as well as *“at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the Discharger to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order.”*

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this NOA amendment, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Links to the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the [Petitions Home Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request.

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