



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

December 13, 2024

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON TENTATIVE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES OF LOW THREAT HYDROSTATIC TEST WATER TO SURFACE WATERS IN COASTAL WATERS OF LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES (NPDES NO. CAG674001)

Enclosed are copies of the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements and General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Discharges of Low Threat Hydrostatic Test Water to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, Order No. R4-2025-XXXX (NPDES No. CAG674001).

The enclosed tentative requirements consist of:

- 1. Board Order;
 - Appendix A SWRCB Minimum Levels
- 2. Attachment A Definitions, Acronyms & Abbreviations
- 3. Attachment B Mineral Effluent Limitations
- 4. Attachment C Notice of Intent (NOI) Form
- 5. Attachment D Standard Provisions
- 6. Attachment E Screening Levels for General Permits
- 7. Attachment F Fact Sheet
- 8. Attachment G Sample Monitoring and Reporting Program

These documents are also available on the Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board's (Los Angeles Water Board's) website for review

(www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board decisions/tentative orders/index.html).

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Los Angeles Water Board at a public hearing to be held on February 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at 320 W 4th Street, Carmel Room, Los Angeles, California, 90013, will consider the enclosed tentative requirements and comments submitted in writing regarding the tentative Order. A virtual platform is also available for those who want to join online. Please follow the directions provided in the agenda to register or to view the Board meeting. The date and location of the December Board meeting are subject to change and updates will be provided on the Los Angeles Water Board's website approximately one week prior to the meeting (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.shtml).

Written comments or testimony regarding this tentative Order must be received at the Los Angeles Water Board's office by the close of business on January 08, 2025, to be

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evaluated by Board staff and included in the Board's agenda folder. Comments received after that date will be provided, ex agenda, to the Los Angeles Water Board for their consideration. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure that all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Los Angeles Water Board staff can provide timely review, and that Los Angeles Water Board members have sufficient time to consider the comments and issues raised. Comments received after the requested date may result in a delay in consideration of the tentative Order. It is expected that the Los Angeles Water Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Los Angeles Water Board, at its discretion, may order further action by staff.

Upon adoption, the dischargers currently enrolled under Order No. R4-2019-0052 will be re-enrolled into the adopted general permit, upon submission of the completed Notice of Intent form to the Los Angeles Water Board. If you have any questions, please contact Noman Chowdhury at noman.chowdhury@Waterboards.ca.gov or at (213) 576-6704.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Tentative General NPDES Permit for Discharges of Low Threat Hydrostatic Test Water to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

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All the Dischargers enrolled with the Low Threat Hydrostatic Test Water Permit