

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION**

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**Public Notice No. 18-014
NPDES No. CA0000809**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)**

<u>DISCHARGER</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LOCATION</u>	<u>RECEIVING WATER</u>
Equilon Enterprises LLC dba Shell Oil Products US Shell Oil Products US-Carson Distribution Facility	20945 South Wilmington Avenue Carson, CA 90810	Dominguez Channel Estuary

Shell Pipeline Company LP (Discharger) owns and operates the Shell Oil Products US-Carson Distribution Facility (Facility), a 450-acre fuel pipeline transfer station on the site of a former Shell Refinery. The refinery operation was closed between 1991 and 1995. The refinery superstructures have been dismantled and removed from the site. Products are primarily received from various sources via pipeline, stored in tanks, and distributed to various destinations via pipeline.

The primary storage area is the Fuels Tank Farm that includes 57 tanks for the storage of gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and ethanol. Each individual tank is surrounded by a berm. The berms have earthen bottoms and sides of earth, gunite or asphalt. The site also has a Chemical Facility with 105 smaller tanks. Currently about 35-40 of these tanks are being used for the storage of biodiesel, hydrocarbon solvents, and oxygenated products.

The Facility discharges up to 5 million gallons per day (MGD) of industrial storm water to the Dominguez Channel Estuary through Discharge Point 001. The Facility is currently regulated by Order No. R4-2013-0097 which was adopted on June 6, 2013, and expired on July 6, 2018. Order No. R4-2013-0097 is administratively continued until the effective date of a new permit.

Storm water is generally held on site for evaporation/percolation. The storage capacity includes the Storm Pond, a 10-million gallon retention basin; and Spencer Lake, a 33-million gallon retention basin. The Discharger may also discharge storm water to the LACSD sewer. All industrial process wastewater at the Facility is discharged to the LACSD sewer.

During a large storm event, the volume of storm water may exceed the storage capacity at the Facility and the allowed LACSD discharge volume. In these cases storm water is directed to the Dominguez Channel Estuary through a storm drain. The last such discharge occurred in 2010.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and applicable law, the Regional Board tentatively proposes to issue waste discharge requirements, including effluent limitations and special conditions for discharges from Discharge Point 001.

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HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

Date: September 13, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Government Center
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009
Hall of Administration, Main Plaza

Please check the Board's website (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/>) for the most up-to-date public hearing location as it is subject to change.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Report of Waste Discharge, related documents, tentative requirements, comments received and other information received on the discharge are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Arrangements for file review and/or obtaining copies of the documents may be made by calling the Los Angeles Regional Board at (213) 576-6600. The entire file will become a part of the administrative record of this proceeding, irrespective of whether individual documents are specifically referenced during the hearing. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any particular documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than 5 business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

The tentative WDRs, comments received and the response to comments when they are received and/or issued will also be available on the Regional Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal adjudicative proceeding pursuant to section 648 et seq. of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedure Act (commencing with section 11500 of the Government Code) does not apply to this proceeding.

Ex Parte Communications Prohibited: As a quasi-adjudicative proceeding, no board member may discuss the subject of this hearing with any person, except during the public hearing itself. Any communications to the Regional Board must be directed to staff.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is:

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PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

1. The applicant/permittee

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff not later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the tentative waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing. To be evaluated and responded to by staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Board, written comments and evidence must be submitted to the Board by mail to the address above or by email to losangeles@waterboards.ca.gov with a copy to thomas.siebels@waterboards.ca.gov, and received at the Board's office by 5:00 p.m. on August 22, 2018. Please reference the comments as "Comments on tentative NPDES Permit, Shell Oil Products US-Carson Distribution Facility, CA0000809".

Pursuant to section 648.4, Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, untimely submittal of written comments or evidence will not be allowed or accepted into the Administrative Record without a showing of good cause for the delay, and in no event if any party or the Board would be unduly prejudiced by the late submittal or if staff or the Los Angeles Water Board would not have an adequate opportunity to review, consider, and respond to the comments or evidence.

Additionally, if the Board receives only supportive comments, the permit may be placed on the Board's consent calendar, and approved without an oral testimony.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The meeting, in which the hearing will be a part of, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. Staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to 3 minutes maximum or less for each speaker, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Parties or persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to

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choose one representative to speak. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

Parties or persons with special procedural requests should contact staff. Any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing not later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, this case will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on October 11, 2018. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: July 23, 2018