

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Via Email Only

TERMINATION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR LAND TREATMENT UNIT OPERATIONS FOR HALACO ENGINEERING CO., 6200 PERKINS ROAD, OXNARD, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. 70-024, GEOTRACKER ID SL0611114905)

Dear Steven Awada:

California Water Code section 13263 provides for the periodic review and revision by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for an existing discharge. After the review, the Los Angeles Water Board has determined that WDRs Order No. 80-058, which prescribes WDRs for the operation of an unlined surface impoundment/waste pile owned by Halaco Engineering Company (Discharger) at 6200 Perkins Road, Oxnard, California, no longer accurately reflect conditions at the site, including:

- The Discharge operated a metal recycling facility to recover metals, primarily aluminum and magnesium with smaller amounts of zinc, from metal dross, skimmings, sludge, scrap, and aluminum cans. Following the main recovery process, the residual slag-like material was run through a washing process to extract additional metals. The resulting wastewater was discharged to an unlined, bermed pond located on the property. This industrial wastewater was pumped to the surface impoundment waste management unit (WMU), where suspended solids were allowed to settle.
- Historically, solid waste from the WMU was dredged and deposited along the perimeter of the WMU. Later, dried waste materials were placed to the north of the WMU. In total, approximately 430,000 cubic yards of waste materials were deposited in the WMU, with material depths ranging from 20 to 40 feet. The WMU covered an area of at least 15 acres.
- In late 2004, Halaco ceased all operations.
- On February 21, 2006, the Los Angeles Water Board requested assistance from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to conduct a removal action at the facility.
- In September 2007, USEPA added the Halaco Engineering Company site and adjacent contaminated areas to the Superfund National Priorities List, and a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study are currently in progress.
- While the Site was being evaluated for inclusion on the NPL, two removal actions were completed to address immediate risks. The first removal action, completed by the Discharger between August 2006 and February 2007, involved the removal of

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drums and other hazardous substances from the Site, as well as the installation of fencing, silt curtain, and straw wattles around the waste pile. A second removal action, funded by the USEPA and completed in 2007, was implemented to stabilize and secure the Site and to limit off-site migration of contaminated wastes. This action included regrading the waste pile to reduce the slope steepness and placing erosion control matting on the slopes.

In accordance with administrative procedures, the Los Angeles Water Board will consider terminating the WDRs at a public hearing scheduled for 9:00 AM on June 26, 2025, at the Los Angeles Water Board's office located at 320 West 4th Street, Los Angeles, California 90013 (Carmel Room). A virtual attendance option will also be available for those who wish to participate online. Instructions for registering or viewing the meeting virtually will be provided in the meeting agenda. During the hearing, the Los Angeles Water Board will accept public comments and hear any testimony relevant to the proposed termination of the tentative WDRs. While the Los Angeles Water Board is expected to take action during the hearing, it may, at its discretion, postpone a decision based on the testimony received.

Enclosed is the Notice of Hearing and Opportunity to Comment. Please note that written comments regarding the proposed termination must be submitted via email and received by the Los Angeles Water Board office no later than 5:00 PM on June 9, 2025. Late comments will not be accepted into the official record unless the Chair determines that their inclusion will not prejudice any party or the Board itself.


The meeting agenda will be posted approximately one week prior to the hearing on the Los Angeles Water Board website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_info/agenda/index.shtml

If you have any questions, please contact Enrique Casas, Project Manager, at (213) 620-2299 or via email at enrique.casas@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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for Susana Arredondo
Executive Officer

Enclosures:

1. Tentative Termination Order
2. Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment

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