

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION

ORDER NO. 94-008
NPDES NO. CA0053856

REVISING THE TIME SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES,
TERMINAL ISLAND TREATMENT PLANT
San Pedro, California

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, finds:

1. City of Los Angeles discharges treated wastewater from its Terminal Island Treatment Plant, San Pedro, California, to Los Angeles Harbor, a water of the United States defined as an enclosed bay, in waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. 93-014 (NPDES Permit CA0053856).
2. The State Water Quality Control Policy for Enclosed Bays and Estuaries requires that municipal and process industrial waste discharges be phased out.
3. On March 1, 1993, in Order No. 93-014, the Los Angeles Regional Board revised the requirements for the Terminal Island Plant to include a time schedule for removing the discharge from the harbor, unless an exemption from the Bays and Estuaries policy could be obtained from the State Water Resources Control Board by December 31, 1993.
4. The City of Los Angeles pursued such an exemption, but while late in the process another alternative became likely, that is, connecting the flow tributary to the Terminal Island Plant to the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant operated by the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County in Harbor City. In the event of such a connection, wastewater now treated at Terminal Island would be treated at the Joint Plant and made available for wastewater reclamation. The Terminal Island Plant would then be abandoned and there would be no need for an ocean outfall or a discharge to the harbor.
5. The City and the County have agreed to pursue such an arrangement and to attempt to reach a conceptual agreement not later than June 30, 1994. Final details, such as financial and institutional arrangements will take longer to set up.
6. The City of Los Angeles has requested that the Board extend the deadline for obtaining exemption from the Bays and Estuaries Policy from December 31, 1993, to June 30, 1994.

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7. As evidence of good faith and due diligence, the City will pursue both avenues--exemption from the Bays and Estuaries Policy and conceptual agreement with the County Sanitation Districts and subsequent abandonment of the Terminal Island Plant--simultaneously in the interim.

8. Either alternative would fulfill the goals of the Bays and Estuaries Policy.

9. This modification of waste discharge requirements for this discharge is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 21100) of Division 13 of the Public Resources Code in accordance with Water Code Section 13389.

The Board, in a public hearing, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the tentative time schedule revision.

This Order shall serve as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit pursuant to Section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act, or amendments thereto, and shall take effect at the end of ten days from the date of its adoption, provided the Regional Administrator, EPA, has no objections.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 93-014 is hereby revised as follows:

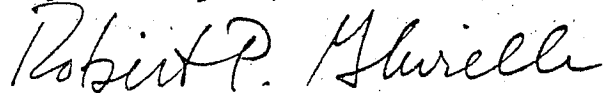
F. TIME SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

VI Obtain an exemption to the State Board Policy prohibiting the discharge of municipal wastewater into the Los Angeles Harbor

Completion Date June 30, 1994

Report of Compliance July 15, 1994

I, Robert P. Ghirelli, D.Env., Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on January 31, 1994.



ROBERT P. GHIRELLI, D.Env.
Executive Officer