

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

**MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 8766  
FOR  
PORT OF LOS ANGELES  
(MAINTENANCE DREDGING)  
(FILE NO. 04-063)**

**1. Receiving Water Monitoring**

The following sampling protocol shall be undertaken by the Port of Los Angeles (Port) during each of the nine proposed maintenance dredging projects (Berths 90-92, Berths 93A-B, Berths 122-124, Berths 127-131, Berths 153-155, Berths 165-166, Berths 177-179, Berths 180-181 and Berth 240B). Sampling for the receiving water monitoring shall commence at least one week prior to the start of the dredging and fill operations and continue at least one week following the completion of all such operations. Sampling shall be conducted a minimum of once a week during dredging operations. Sampling shall be conducted down-current of the dredge sites at least one hour after the start of dredging operations. All receiving water monitoring data shall be obtained via grab samples or remote electronic detection equipment. Receiving water samples shall be taken at the following stations:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Description</u>
A	30.5 meters (100 feet) up-current of the dredging operations, safety permitting.
B	30.5 meters (100 feet) down-current of the dredging operations, safety permitting.
C	91.5 meters (300 feet) down-current of the dredging operations.
D	Control site (area not affected by dredging operations).

The following shall constitute the receiving water monitoring program:

Water Column Monitoring

<u>Parameters</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Dissolved oxygen <sup>1</sup>	mg/l	A-D	Weekly <sup>2</sup>
Light transmittance <sup>1</sup>	% Transmittance	" "	"
pH <sup>1</sup>	pH units	" "	"
Suspended solids <sup>3</sup>	mg/l	" "	"

<sup>1</sup>Measurements shall be taken throughout the water column (at a minimum, at 2-meter increments).

<sup>2</sup>During the first two weeks of dredging, stations shall be sampled two times per week.

<sup>3</sup>Mid-depth shall be sampled.

Water column light transmittance values from Stations C and D shall be averaged for the near surface (1 meter below the surface), mid-water and bottom (1 meter above the bottom). If the difference in % light transmittance is 30% or greater (based on a comparison of the averaged values at the two stations), water samples shall be collected at mid-depth (or the depth at which the maximum turbidity occurs) and analyzed for trace metals, DDTs, PCBs and PAHs. At a minimum, one set of water samples shall be collected and analyzed for these chemical constituents during the maintenance dredging operation at each of the nine berths.

Color photographs shall be taken at the time of sampling to record the presence and extent of visible effects of dredging operations. These photographs shall be submitted with the receiving water monitoring reports.

The Port shall provide Regional Board staff with a receiving water monitoring program field schedule at least one week prior to initiating the program. Regional Board staff shall be notified of any changes in the field schedule at least 48 hours in advance.

## 2. Observations

The following receiving water observations shall be made and logged daily during dredging or excavating operations:

- a. Date and time;
- b. Direction and estimated speed of currents;
- c. General weather conditions and wind velocity;
- d. Tide stage;
- e. Appearance of trash, floatable material, grease, oil or oily slick, or other objectionable materials;
- f. Discoloration and/or turbidity;
- g. Odors;
- h. Depth of dredge operations during previous day;
- i. Amount of material dredged the previous day;
- j. Cumulative total amount of material dredged to date.

### 3. General Provisions

All sampling, sample preservation, and analyses shall be performed in accordance with the latest edition of "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for Analysis of Pollutants" promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

All chemical analyses shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analysis by the State Department of Health Services, Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP), or approved by the Executive Officer.

The Port shall calibrate and perform maintenance procedures on all monitoring instruments and equipment to insure accuracy of measurements, or shall insure that both activities will be conducted by third parties under Port supervision.

A grab sample is defined as an individual sample collected in fewer than 15 minutes.

All samples shall be representative of the waste discharge under normal operating conditions.

### 4. Reporting

Monitoring reports shall be submitted within 10 days following each weekly sampling period. In reporting, the Port shall arrange the monitoring data in tabular form so that dates, time, parameters, test data, and observations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized to demonstrate compliance with the waste discharge requirements. A final report, summarizing the results of the weekly monitoring and reporting the total volume discharged, shall be submitted within one month of completion of the project.

Each monitoring report shall contain a separate section titled "Summary of Non-Compliance" which discusses the compliance record and corrective actions taken or planned that may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with waste discharge requirements. This section shall clearly list all non-compliance with waste discharge requirements, as well as all excursions of effluent limitations.

Each monitoring report must affirm in writing that:

All analyses were conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the Department of Health Services or approved by the Executive Officer and in accordance with current EPA guidelines or as specified in the Monitoring Program.

For any analysis performed for which no procedure is specified in the EPA guidelines or in the Monitoring Program, the constituent or parameter analyzed and the method or procedure used must be specified in the report.

5. General Provisions for Reporting

For every item where the requirements are not met, the Port shall submit a statement of the actions undertaken or proposed which will bring the discharge into full compliance with requirements at the earliest time and submit a timetable for correction.

Each report shall contain the following completed declaration:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted.

Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of a fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Executed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,  
at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)"

These records and reports are public documents and shall be made available for inspection during business hours at the office of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region.

Ordered by:

*for* David A. Buchorawski, AEO  
DENNIS A. DICKERSON  
Executive Officer

Date: June 10, 2004