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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY (NOA) AMENDMENT; GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2022-0006-03 FOR LIMITED THREAT DISCHARGES TO SURFACE WATER; CALIFORNIA DAIRIES, INC., TIPTON MILK PROCESSING FACILITY PROJECT, TULARE COUNTY

Our office received a Notice of Intent on 10 August 2023 from California Dairies, Inc. (hereinafter Discharger), Tipton Milk Processing Facility (Facility) to discharge condensate water to Morrison Ditch, which flows into the Casa Blanca Canal and eventually to the Tule River. The Discharger requested to discharge condensate water to surface waters to perform maintenance on seven onsite percolation ponds, which are used to discharge treated wastewater, condensate water, and storm water authorized by Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2013-0109. On 27 October 2023, the Discharger was enrolled under the General Order for Limited Threat Discharges to Surface Water (Limited Threat General Order) for its condensate water discharge to Morrison Ditch and assigned Limited Threat General Order R5-2022-0006-027 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAG995002. The Discharger estimated two years were required to perform the pond maintenance. Therefore, the duration of the NOA was limited to two years, which expired on 27 October 2025.

On 14 October 2025, the Discharger submitted a request to extend NOA R5-2022-0006-027. The Discharger performed percolation pond maintenance year-round, however, the time to drain and dry the ponds during the cooler and wetter months was underestimated. Consequently, the Discharger requested to extend the NOA to perform maintenance on the remaining three of the seven percolation ponds. On 12 November 2025, the Discharger received a Notice of Violation (NOV) summarizing numerous violations of the NOA, including numerous effluent violations. Based on information submitted by the Discharger during the NOA's term and the 12 November 2025 NOV, it was unclear if the discharge met the eligibility requirements to continue discharging under the Limited Threat General Order. Thus, the NOA was not extended.

After discussions between Central Valley Water Board staff and Discharger representatives concerning the discharge's eligibility for the Limited Threat General Order, the Discharger implemented additional actions that are projected to improve the quality of the discharge. Recent sampling data submitted by the Discharger shows an improvement in the discharge quality. Therefore, NOA R5-2022-0006-027 is amended, as specified in the Amendment section below, to provide permit coverage under the Limited Threat General Order for an additional 90-day period. This additional time is intended to allow the Discharger to demonstrate the ongoing efficacy of its recent improvements. Please note that the Discharger did not have coverage under the Limited Threat General Order to discharge to Morrison Ditch from 28 October 2025 to 18 December 2025.

AMENDMENT

The last sentence in the first paragraph of the 27 October 2023 NOA R5-2022-0006-027 is replaced in its entirety with the following:

The effective dates of this NOA are limited to 27 October 2023 through 27 October 2025 AND 19 December 2025 through 19 March 2026.

If the Discharger wishes to pursue a long-term extension for coverage under the Limited Threat General Order, the request should be submitted by 27 February 2026. The request must include a demonstration that the additional actions implemented at the Facility have resulted in consistent compliance with the requirements and limitations of the Limited Threat General Order. Staff will review the request and the supporting data to determine whether the Facility's discharge remains eligible for continued coverage under the Limited Threat General Order.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this NOA amendment, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Links to the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the [Petitions Home Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request.

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