State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board San Diego Region

> EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT December 10, 2008

ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: NPDES Permit Reissuance: Waste Discharge Requirements for

Genentech, Inc. discharge to the Pacific Ocean via the

Oceanside Ocean Outfall, San Diego County (Tentative Order No. R9-2008-0082, NPDES Permit No. CA0109193) (Michelle

Mata)

PURPOSE: To adopt Waste Discharge Requirements and NPDES Permit for

> the discharge of up to 0.155 million gallons per day (MGD) of combined discharges from water softening and purification processes and other non-biologics maintenance activities.

A public notice of the tentative Order was published in the San

Diego Union Tribune on August 4, 2008. Copies of the tentative order were mailed on August 8, 2008 to Genentech, Inc. and to all known interested parties and agencies. Copies were made available for public review at the Regional Board office on August 8, 2008. The tentative order was also posted on the Regional Board's web site on August 8, 2008. A public notice of the changed location for the public hearing was published in the San

Diego Union Tribune on August 27, 2008.

The comment period was extended to November 26, 2008 by

letter dated November 5, 2008.

Genentech, Inc. is currently regulated under Order No. R9-2003-

0140. Order No. R9-2003-0140 established requirements for the discharge of up to 0.155 MGD of combined discharges from water softening and purification processes and other nonbiologics maintenance activities. The combined waste

discharges regulated under this NPDES permit are routed to the Pacific Ocean through the Oceanside Ocean Outfall (OOO).

No wastes produced by or in conjunction with the biologics manufacturing processes (including cell culture production and harvesting, recovery and purification, and formulation) at the Facility will be regulated under this Order. All wastewater produced by the biologics manufacturing processes will be

PUBLIC NOTICE:

**DISCUSSION:** 

discharged to the City of Oceanside's (City) sanitary sewer system.

Requirements from Order No. R9-2003-0140 have remained essentially unchanged since there have been no modifications to the Facility operations or discharge.

The Regional Board received comments from Genentech, Inc on August 27, 2008. A written Responses to Comments document and an Errata Sheet were prepared and provided to interested parties by email and through regular mail in a letter dated September 5, 2008. The Errata sheet has been incorporated into the draft Order using <u>underline/strikeout-format</u>.

In a letter dated November 5, 2008 the Regional Board extended the comments period for the tentative draft Order to November 26, 2008. To date, no additional comments have been received during the extended comment period.

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:

The following areas in Tentative Order No. R9-2008-0082 differ from the current Order No. R9-2003-0140:

- The tentative Order has a new look based on the statewide template for NPDES permits. While each region is unique, there are many aspects of NPDES permits that can be standardized. Since 2004, staffs of the State and Regional Boards, along with USEPA's contractor, have embarked in standardizing NPDES permits in the state.
- 2. Based on the Ocean Plan Reasonable Potential Analysis (RPA) Amendment that was adopted by the State Board on April 21, 2005 and historical effluent data, the initial dilution ratio has been recalculated, resulting in a slight increase from 80:1 to 87:1. The Fact Sheet of the tentative order contains information regarding how the new dilution factor was calculated. The new dilution factor matches the dilution factor in the other NPDES permits for discharges through the Oceanside Ocean Outfall.
- 3. A RPA was conducted using data supplied by Genentech, Inc. Effluent limitations were included for constituents with reasonable potential to exceed water quality objectives. Constituents that do not have reasonable potential or had

inconclusive RPA results are assigned performance goals in the tentative order. These constituents are also assigned monitoring requirements, but the results will be used for informational purposes only, not compliance determination.

COMPLIANCE: Genentech, Inc. discharges to the Pacific Ocean via the OOO

and has demonstrated compliance with current Order No. R9-

2003-0140.

LEGAL ISSUES: None

SUPPORTING DOCS: 1. Site Map

2. Postponement Letter Dated November 5, 2008

3. Tentative Order No. R9-2008-0082

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of Tentative Order No. R9-2008-0082 is recommended.