



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

San Francisco Bay Region



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File No. 2118.13 (MRF)

Varian Chromatography Systems
Attn: Larry Steinwandt
2700 Mitchell Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Subject: Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R2-2008-0042

For the facility located at:

Varian Chromatography Systems
2700 Mitchell Drive
Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County

Dear Mr. Steinwandt:

Enclosed are a public notice and a Complaint for Administrative Civil Liability issued to Varian Chromatography Systems for the subject site. The Complaint alleges that Varian Chromatography Systems has violated its waste discharge requirements by failing to submit its 2006/2007 annual report by July 1, 2007, as required. The complaint proposes administrative civil liability of \$24,200.

A public hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the September 10, 2008, Water Board meeting in the Elihu M. Harris State Building, first floor auditorium, located at 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, California. The meeting agenda will be mailed to you prior to the hearing.

At this time, you have two options:

1. You can appear before the Water Board during the scheduled hearing to contest the Complaint; written comments are to be submitted no later than **5 pm on August 11, 2008**. At that time, the Board may impose the Administrative Civil Liability in the amount proposed, for a different amount, decline to seek civil liability, or refer the case to the Attorney General for judicial enforcement.
2. You can waive the right to a hearing to contest the allegations contained in the Complaint by paying the civil liability in full or undertaking an acceptable Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) up \$12,100 and paying the remainder of the civil liability,

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all in accordance with the procedures and limitations set forth in the waiver attached to the Complaint.

If you have any questions, please call Michelle Rembaum-Fox of my staff at (510) 622-2387 or via email to mrembaumfox@waterboards.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Dyan C. Whyte
Assistant Executive Officer

Enclosures:

Public Notice
Complaint No. R2-2008-0042
Attachment 1 – SEP Information

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