

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR
ISSUANCE OF NPDES PERMIT**

**The Exploratorium
Bay Water Heating and Cooling System
Piers 15 and 17, The Embarcadero
City and County of San Francisco**

The above party has filed an application for permit issuance under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. Regional Water Board staff has prepared a tentative permit, containing specific provisions, in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act and the California Water Quality Control Act.

The Exploratorium is proposing to move its activities from 3601 Lyon St. in San Francisco to existing buildings on Piers 15 & 17, The Embarcadero, in San Francisco that it will lease from the Port of San Francisco. It intends to install a system to both heat and cool the buildings that will rely on taking water from San Francisco Bay under Pier 15, using heat pumps to transfer heat, and then returning the water to the Bay under Pier 15.

There will be a public hearing to receive oral testimony and to consider adoption of the tentative permit at a meeting to commence at the time and location below:

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., June 9, 2010
Location: Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building
1515 Clay Street, Oakland

The last date for written comments is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010. Comments must be sent to the **attention of Derek Whitworth**. Persons wishing to file written comments on, or objections to, the tentative permit or other aspects of this matter must do so by this date so such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing after that date. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views orally at the public hearing.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the Regional Water Board's action on this matter through a petition to the State Water Resources Control Board under Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections raised before the Regional Water Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Regional Water Board.

The application, tentative permit, fact sheet, comments received, and related documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board offices. The tentative permit is also available on the Regional Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_decisions/tentative_orders.shtml

Contact Derek Whitworth at (510) 622-2349 or by e-mail at dwhitworth@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions on this matter.