

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
AMENDMENT OF DISCHARGE PERMITS TO IMPLEMENT
CYANIDE AND COPPER SITE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

Facilities that discharge wastewaters to surface waters within the San Francisco Bay Region operate pursuant to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits containing limitations and provisions in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. CWA and NPDES regulations require that permits include limitations more stringent than applicable federal technology-based requirements where necessary to achieve applicable water quality standards. San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) staff has prepared a tentative order to amend several NPDES permits to establish effluent limits based on current cyanide and copper water quality objectives.

The amendment revises cyanide and copper water quality based effluent limitations (WQBELs) in these permits using site-specific objectives the Regional Water Board established after these orders were adopted. Revising the WQBELs is necessary because the limits in these permits are currently based on water quality objectives that no longer apply.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative order during a meeting to commence at the time and location as follows:

Time and Date:	9:00 a.m., March 10, 2010
Location:	Auditorium, Elihu Harris State Building 1515 Clay Street, Oakland

The deadline for comments is 5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2010. Comments must be sent to the **attention of Heather Ottaway**. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative order or other aspects of this matter must do so no later than this deadline so that such comments may be considered. No written comments will be accepted or responded to in writing if received after the deadline.

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing on this matter. The Regional Water Board will hear oral testimony but will not accept written comments after the deadline noted above.

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 California Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections raised before the Regional Water Board at the hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence delivered to the Regional Water Board.

The tentative order and supporting documents, including comments received, may be inspected and copied at the Regional Water Board office. The tentative order and fact sheet, and any additional information regarding this matter, are also available at www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay. A response to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Heather Ottaway at (510) 622-2116 or by e-mail at HOttaway@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions on this matter.