

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
AMENDMENT OF REFINERY DISCHARGE PERMITS**

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Regional Water Board's) staff has prepared a draft permit amendment for the Chevron Richmond Refinery, ConocoPhillips San Francisco Refinery, Shell Martinez Refinery, and Tesoro Golden Eagle Refinery. The draft amendment would revise National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements relating to selenium in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. The draft amendment would rescind selenium compliance schedules and interim limits, and revise existing selenium discharge limits to grant limited dilution credits, while maintaining existing treatment performance.

The Regional Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit 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 27, 2010. Comments must be sent to the **attention of John H. Madigan**. Persons wishing to file written comments on or objections to the tentative permit, 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 this 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 Water Code section 13320 will be limited to raising only those substantive issues or objections that were 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 office. The tentative permit, fact sheet, and any additional information and developments on 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 John H. Madigan at (510) 622-2405 or by e-mail at JMadigan@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions on this matter.