

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

ORDER NO. R2-2011-XXXX

**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOW
CHEMICAL COMPANY**

WHEREAS the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (hereinafter “Regional Water Board”), finds that:

1. The Dow Chemical Company(Dow) owns and operates a chemical manufacturing plant located at 901 Loveridge Road in Pittsburg, Contra Costa County. The facility conducts chemical research and manufactures agricultural chemicals, fumigants, fungicides, carbon tetrachloride, hydrochloric acid, and latex.
2. On May 14, 2008, the Regional Water Board reissued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0004910 for Dow through Order No. R2-2008-0030. The order permitted reverse osmosis reject water to be discharged into New York Slough.
3. Dow decommissioned and demolished its reverse osmosis unit and ceased discharge prior to December 9, 2010; therefore, NPDES Permit No. CA0004910 can be rescinded.
4. Pursuant to Water Code § 13389, rescissions of waste discharge requirements are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
5. The Regional Water Board notified Dow and other interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind these waste discharge requirements, and provided an opportunity to submit written comments and participate in a public hearing.
6. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the rescission of the waste discharge requirements.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to the Clean Water Act and Division 7 of the California Water Code, and the regulations, plans, and policies adopted thereunder, that Dow NPDES Permit No. CA0004910 (Order No. R2-2008-0030) is rescinded effective April 13, 2011, except for enforcement purposes.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Region, on April 13, 2011.

Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer