

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Francisco Bay Region  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION, OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, AND PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
DISCHARGE PERMIT**

**Shell Oil Products US and Equilon Enterprises LLC, Shell Martinez Refinery  
3485 Pacheco Blvd.  
Martinez, Contra Costa County**

The above discharger has filed an application for reissuance of a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The Board's staff has prepared a tentative permit for this discharger, containing limitations and provisions, in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

Equilon Enterprises LLC owns and Shell Oil Products US operates a petroleum refinery in Martinez. Shell treats about 5.8 million gallons per day of refinery wastewater and discharges it to Carquinez Strait via a deep-water diffuser that is about 500 feet offshore under its wharf. Shell also discharges treated storm water from the refinery at various points to Peyton Creek and Peyton Slough, which drain to Carquinez Strait.

The deadline for comment on the tentative permit is 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2012. Comments must be sent to the attention of Robert Schlipf. 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.

The Board intends to consider adopting the tentative permit during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on June 13, 2012, in the Auditorium of the Elihu Harris State Building at 1515 Clay Street in Oakland. Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views at the public hearing.

Pursuant to section 2050(c) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, any party that challenges the 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 Board at the public hearing or in timely submitted written correspondence.

All documents related to the tentative permit may be inspected and copied at the 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](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay). Board staff's responses to comments will be posted on that website one week prior to the hearing. Contact Robert Schlipf at (510) 622-2478, or by e-mail at [rschlipf@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:rschlipf@waterboards.ca.gov), if you have any questions.