

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ADDENDUM TO TENTATIVE ORDER**

Discharges of Groundwater – San Francisco Bay Region

Board staff has prepared an addendum to a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for groundwater treatment facilities in the San Francisco Bay Region in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. The draft permit was circulated for public comment between January 17, 2025, and February 18, 2025. This addendum shows revisions to the draft permit in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *City and County of San Francisco, California v. Environmental Protection Agency* (2025), which removes end-result requirements (e.g., receiving water limitations) in NPDES permits. The draft permit would regulate discharges associated with the extraction and treatment of groundwater impacted by inorganic chemicals, VOCs, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), fuel-leak compounds, and other synthetic organic compounds in the San Francisco Bay Region.

The Regional Water Board will accept only comments pertaining to the revisions in this addendum. The deadline for receipt of comments is **5:00 p.m. on August 4, 2025**. The Regional Water Board will respond to comments received for this addendum and to comments on the original draft permit received during the previous public comment period that took place in January and February. There is no need to re-submit comments. The Board will consider adopting the draft permit during a meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. on **September 10, 2025**. Interested persons are invited to express their views at this hearing.

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

All documents related to the draft permit may be inspected at the Board office. The draft permit and developments on this matter are available at waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_decisions/tentative_orders.html. Comments received, Board staff responses to comments, and other developments on this matter will be posted on the Board meeting agenda a week prior to the hearing and will be available at waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board_info/agenda.html.

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