
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR
WATER QUALITY ORDER 2011-0002-DWQ
(AS AMENDED BY ORDER 2012-0003-DWQ)
GENERAL PERMIT NO. CAG 990004
STATEWIDE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)
PERMIT FOR BIOLOGICAL AND RESIDUAL PESTICIDE DISCHARGES TO WATERS OF
THE UNITED STATES FROM VECTOR CONTROL APPLICATIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Deputy Director of the Division of Water Quality (Deputy Director) is proposing to amend the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) of the Statewide General NPDES Permit for Residual Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Vector Control Applications, Order 2011-0002-DWQ as amended by Order 2012-0003-DWQ (Vector Control Permit).

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Deputy Director will accept written comments on the Draft Amendments to the Vector Control Permit's MRP until **12:00 noon on February 5, 2014**. Written comments must be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in PDF text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Draft Vector Control Permit MRP Amendments.”** Any person wishing to request a public hearing on this matter may submit the request in writing to the above contact, with a subject line indicating: **“Comment Letter and Request for Public Hearing – Draft Vector Control Permit MRP Amendments.”**

Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who will contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board adopted the Vector Control Permit in March 2011 and later amended the permit in April 2012 through adoption of Order 2012-0003-DWQ. The Vector Control Permit authorizes the discharge of biological pesticides and residual pesticides or their degradation byproducts to waters of the United States from direct and spray applications for vector control. The permit also requires the State Water Board to conduct a toxicity study to determine if toxicity testing provides additional useful environmental risk information beyond chemical analysis in monitoring spray pesticide applications. The current MRP in Attachment C of the Vector Control Permit requires dischargers to conduct visual, physical, and chemical monitoring. Through review of existing water quality and toxicity data, the December 2012 Draft General Pesticide Permit Toxicity Study Report, and corresponding annual reports submitted by dischargers during the period of 2011-2012, State Water Board staff is proposing that visual observations, monitoring and reporting of pesticide application rates, and reporting of non-compliant applications provide information that is equivalent to the existing monitoring and reporting requirements for determining compliance with the Vector Control Permit. Therefore, the Draft Amendments to the Vector Control Permit's MRP propose to replace the visual, physical, and chemical monitoring with reporting of visual observations, monitoring and reporting of application rates, and reporting of non-compliant applications.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft Amendments to the Vector Control Permit's MRP are available to view or download on the State Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/pesticides/vector_control.shtml

Alternatively, you may receive a paper copy in the mail by contacting Ms. Rachael Tadlock at (916) 341-5568 or rachael.tadlock@waterboards.ca.gov.

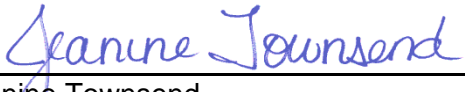
For information regarding future public notices or status of the proposed Draft Amendments to the Vector Control Permit's MRP, please sign up for the "Pesticide Vector Control" electronic mailing list at the State Water Board's Lyris List website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice or amendments to Mr. Gil Vazquez at (916) 322-1400 or gil.vazquez@waterboards.ca.gov.

December 31, 2013
Date


Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board