

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Today's Presentation

Overview of Winery-Applicable Permits

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Water Quality Permits that may Apply

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs)

- Winery process water discharges to land:
 - Land Application Areas
 - Subsurface Disposal
 - Process Water Ponds
- Domestic waste
 - May be a county permit

Stormwater (Industrial and/or Construction)

- Construction of winery infrastructure disturbs >1 acre (Construction General Permit)
- Industrial facilities subject to Industrial General Permit (may qualify for a No Exposure Certification)

Irrigated Lands

- In development
- Discharges to land and/or surface waters

Your North Coast facility falls into one of two categories:

- **Category 1: Permitted Facilities - Wine Beverage Food Processor WDR/Waiver/Individual Orders**
 - Annual fees and reporting requirements
 - North Coast Water Board staff will notify facility to enroll in new permit (Follow R1 Implementation Plan)
 - New application required
- **Category 2: Unpermitted Facilities, Change of Ownership**
 - New facilities must enroll for the first time
 - Existing facilities under new ownership must enroll
 - Permits do not transfer to new owners, must notify us
 - Required to enroll by January 2024

North Coast Application Process and Status

North Coast Winery Transition & Prioritization Plan

- Implementation Plan's Prioritization
 - Priority 1: Unpermitted wineries
 - A: Existing wineries. Submit by 1/20/2024
 - B: New wineries. Submit 180 days prior to opening
 - Priority 2: Permitted Wineries requiring transition to Statewide GOs
 - A: Enrollees under 2002 Winery General Order
 - B: Wineries with Individual WDR Orders
 - C: Enrollees under Low Threat Categorical Waiver
 - D: Wineries enrolled under Wine Food and Beverage (WBFP) Waiver
 - E: Wineries enrolled under the WBFP WDR
- Note: Immediate threats to water quality will be a top priority

Application Process Overview

- Eligibility Survey
 - Wineries to fill out survey to determine if eligible for enrollment
 - Survey found on the SWRCB webpage
 - Keep a copy of the survey results to document their exempt tier.
 - Exempt due to no discharge (hold and haul) or <10,000 gallons/year.
- Submit application (eNOI) via CIWQS database
 - Help and Guidance documents available on the SWRCB webpage

Application Process Details

- eNOI completeness check
 - Signed PDF (or hard copy – PDF strongly preferred)
 - Fee received
 - Complete application
- New process for admin and technical staff in CIWQS
 - Takes time

Application Process Details

- If application is rejected/incomplete
 - Emailed what is needed to complete the application
 - “Return to applicant” status
 - Electronic resubmit process

Application Process Details

- Staff assigned to winery and application
- Review eNOI and supporting documents
- Staff may reach out with questions, documentation requests
- Draft Notice of Applicability
 - Confirmation of enrollment
 - MRP
 - Confirmation of compliance timeline, if provided in NOI
 - Others

Application Process Details

- GeoTracker
 - Info in NOA about GeoTracker ID
 - SMRs to be submitted in GeoTracker
- Fee Reconciliation
 - Winery Order fee may be less than individual permit fees
 - Work with assigned RWB staff

Closing Notes

- Following a prioritization plan.
 - Unpermitted wineries: Highest Priority
 - We will reach out to permitted wineries about applying.
- Complete application includes
 - A signed e-copy or hard copy eNOI questionnaire
 - Technical report included with application
 - Fee paid
- Keep a copy of Eligibility Survey results

North Coast Water Board Resources

Contact:

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Webpage:

Waste Discharge Requirements | North Coast Regional Board

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/wdr/

Wine, Beverage, and Food | North Coast Regional Board

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/wine_beverage_food/

Questions?