
State Water Resources Control Board

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT,
PUBLIC HEARING AND STAFF WORKSHOPS**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATEWIDE INDUSTRIAL
GENERAL STORM WATER PERMIT ¹**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comments on the proposed General Permit Amendment.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Board will hold a public hearing to receive public input and comments on the draft General Permit Amendment. No State Water Board action will be taken at the hearing. The public hearing will be:

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Bldg.
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Additional information on the public hearing is located on the State Water Board web site at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/.

NOTICE IS ADDITIONALLY HEREBY GIVEN that State Water Board staff will hold the following workshops to provide information and answer questions from the public regarding the proposed General Permit Amendment:

Sacramento Workshop:
December 18, 2017; 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Bldg.
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA, 95814

Los Angeles Workshop:
December 21, 2017; 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Office
Carmel Room
320 West Fourth Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

¹ Draft Amendment to the Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the Discharge of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activities

San Diego Workshop:
December 22, 2017; 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Office
Hearing Room
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92108

A quorum of State Water Board may be present at the workshops; however, no State Water Board actions will be taken at these workshops.

Further information regarding the staff workshops is located on the State Water Board Industrial Storm Water Program webpage at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/tmdl_igp.shtml

For any questions regarding the workshops please contact Shuka Rastegarpour at (916) 341-5576 or shuka.rastegarpour@waterboards.ca.gov.

BACKGROUND

On April 1, 2014, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted [Order 2014-0057-DWQ](#) for statewide regulation of storm water discharges associated with industrial activities (General Permit). The General Permit includes a reopener to incorporate Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements through a future permit amendment (Section XX.A). The proposed General Permit Amendment incorporates requirements for implementing existing TMDLs adopted by the San Francisco Bay, Santa Ana, Los Angeles, and San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Boards identifying industrial storm water as a source of the receiving water impairment.

In December 2017, State Water Board staff held focused stakeholder meetings with interested parties that submitted public comments regarding the Regional Water Board draft TMDL-implementation language during the March 2016 public comment period. During subsequent collaborative stakeholder meetings, the proposed statewide compliance options were initially developed. The proposed General Permit Amendment includes statewide compliance options to allow compliance with water quality objectives through onsite and regional storm water capture best management practices in place of typical compliance with numeric action levels and numeric effluent limitations.

On August 19, 2014, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) promulgated the new *Use of Sufficiently Sensitive Test Methods for Permit Applications and Reporting Rule* for discharges regulated by NPDES permits. The new Rule became effective on September 18, 2014, after the existing Statewide Industrial General Permit was adopted. The new Rule requires NPDES permittee to use “sufficiently sensitive” analytical test methods for the analyses of regulated pollutants or pollutants parameters. The proposed General Permit Amendment includes revised monitoring and reporting requirements for industrial storm water sampling consistent with the new Rule.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed General Permit Amendment and corresponding information will be available on Friday, December 15, 2017 on the State Water Board web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/industrial.shtml.

You may request a paper copy of the draft General Permit Amendment by contacting Shuka Rastegarpour at (916) 341-5576 or shuka.rastegarpour@waterboards.ca.gov.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

At the public hearing, there will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants. However, the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. At the hearing, participants will have an opportunity to summarize their concerns and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient hearing in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

The State Water Board will schedule a meeting subsequent to the public hearing at which the Board will consider adoption of the proposed General Permit Amendment.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board will accept written public comments regarding this item. Written comment letters must be received no later than **12:00 p.m. noon on January 31, 2018**. Written comments must be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand-delivery)

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 e-mail at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter – Industrial General Permit Amendment.”**

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

WEBCAST INFORMATION

Video and audio broadcasts of the staff workshop and public hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to the map on the State Water Board website:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>.

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5254 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

All visitors to the CalEPA Building are required to sign in and obtain a badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

The Parking and Accessibility information for the staff workshops shall be noted on the program page website once the date, time, and location of the staff workshops are posted:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/tmdl_igp.shtml.

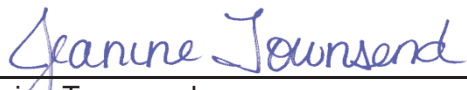
FUTURE NOTICES

Any change in the date, time, and place of the public hearing and/or staff workshops will be publicly noticed on the State Water Board website and through the Lyris e-mail list. Any person desiring to receive future notices concerning the proposed General Permit Amendment must sign up on the Lyris e-mail list. To sign up for a Lyris list, access the email List Subscription Form at the web address listed below, click the "Water Quality" tab, and check the box for "Storm Water Industrial Permitting Issues":
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Shuka Rastegarpour at (916) 341-5576 or shuka.rastegarpour@waterboards.ca.gov.

November 21, 2017
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board