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ORDER NO. R5-2008-0118

NPDES NO. CA0004111

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
 AEROJET-GENERAL CORPORATION
 SACRAMENTO FACILITY
 SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

The following Discharger is subject to waste discharge requirements as set forth in this Order:

Table 1. Discharger Information

Discharger	Aerojet-General Corporation
Name of Facility	Sacramento Facility
Facility Address	Aerojet Road
	Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
	Sacramento County
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board have classified this discharge as a minor discharge.	

The discharge by the Discharger from the discharge points identified below is subject to waste discharge requirements as set forth in this Order:

Table 2. Discharge Location

Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude	Discharge Point Longitude	Receiving Water
001	East Retention Pond	38°, 37', 14" N	121°, 13', 22" W	Buffalo Creek
002	West Retention Pond	38°, 37', 13" N	121°, 13', 28" W	Buffalo Creek
002A	West Pond to Cell 1	38 °, 37', 12" N	121 °, 13', 31" W	NA
003	West Lake, Cell 1	38 °, 37', 11" N	121 °, 13', 41" W	Buffalo Creek
004	West Lake Cell 2	38 °, 27', 11" N	121 °, 13', 55" W	Buffalo Creek

Table 3. Administrative Information

This Order was adopted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board on:	31 July 2008
This Order shall become effective on:	1 August 2008
This Order shall expire on:	31 July 2013
The Discharger shall file a Report of Waste Discharge in accordance with title 23, California Code of Regulations, as application for issuance of new waste discharge requirements no later than:	180 days prior to the Order expiration date

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Order No. R5-1999-0016-R01 is rescinded upon the effective date of this Order except for enforcement purposes, and, in order to meet the provisions contained in division 7 of the Water Code (commencing with section 13000) and regulations adopted thereunder, and the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and regulations and guidelines adopted thereunder, the Discharger shall comply with the requirements in this Order.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that this Order with all attachments is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on **31 July 2008**.

original signed by: _____
PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

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I. FACILITY INFORMATION

The following Discharger is subject to waste discharge requirements as set forth in this Order:

Table 4. Facility Information

Discharger	Aerojet General-Corporation
Name of Facility	Sacramento Facility
Facility Address	Aerojet Road
	Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
	Sacramento County
Facility Contact, Title, and Phone	Karen Gunderson, Environmental Health and Safety Director, 916-355-2387
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 13222 Sacramento, CA 95813-6000
Type of Facility	Rocket Manufacturing and Testing
Facility Design Flow	NA – mostly stormwater – no treatment facility

II. FINDINGS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (hereinafter Regional Water Board), finds:

A. Background. The Aerojet-General Corporation (hereinafter Discharger) is currently discharging pursuant to Order No. R5-1999-0016-R01 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0004111. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge, dated 30 September 2003, supplemental information dated 27 June 2004, 2 March 2004, 25 June 2004, 14 December 2004 and 7 December 2007, and applied for a NPDES permit renewal to discharge up to 35.8 mgd of untreated wastewater from its Sacramento Facility, hereinafter Facility. The application was deemed complete on 15 December 2007.

For the purposes of this Order, references to the “discharger” or “permittee” in applicable federal and state laws, regulations, plans, or policy are held to be equivalent to references to the Discharger herein.

B. Facility Description. The Discharger owns and operates a rocket manufacturing and testing facility, including development of rocket propulsion systems and engineering. The Discharger describes the Facility according to the North American industry Classification System codes for guided missile and space vehicle propulsion units and propulsion unit parts and manufacturing. Wastewater is discharged from numerous points (see table on cover page) to Buffalo Creek and Alder Creek, waters of the United States, and a tributary to the American River within the American River watershed.

Attachment B provides a map of the area around the Facility. Attachment C a schematic of the impoundment and outfalls.

Of the up to 35.8 mgd of discharge that has occurred in the past, approximately 0.20 mgd of that discharge is from operational activities and the remainder is storm water. The Discharger's operations require the use of boilers, cooling towers/chiller systems; condensers; heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems; air compressors; steam condensate systems; eyewash/safety showers; swamp coolers, sprinkler systems and industrial /drinking water supply systems; air dryer blowdown; dehumidifiers; hot water tanks; non-contact cooling/heat trace water systems; roof, building, and paved/concrete surface pressure washing cleaning operations; ice machines; cryogenic equipment ; vacuum pumps, condensate return systems, electric heaters, heater condensate blowdowns, equipment sump water, air dryer water and chiller water; fire pump water; and chilled piping systems at various locations throughout the facility. Discharges associated with these systems include blowdown from treated and non-treated boilers (including discharge from maintenance/cleanout of boiler systems), blowdown from treated and non-treated cooling towers, and low threat discharges as described above. Most of the discharges are directed to the ground surface for infiltration or into swales. Unless there is stormwater runoff, nearly all of the discharges will infiltrate the ground prior to reaching surface waters. Many of the discharges listed above are de minimus discharges that are permitted in most stormwater permits. Most of the existing de minimus discharges are included in the discharges listed in Table B-1 of Appendix F. Similar de minimus discharges may be added or deleted by the Discharger during the life of the permit.

Buffalo Creek originates on the east side of the Facility and meanders across the Facility to the west. Buffalo creek has been realigned to flow into West Lake, which consists of two storage cells, or two adjacent retention basins (East and West Retention Ponds). West Lake covers a total area of approximately 137 acres and the two retention ponds cover a total of approximately six acres. The two West Lake cells and two retention ponds each have outfalls back to Buffalo Creek prior to it leaving the Facility. Discharges can leave the Facility through outfall locations 001 at the East Retention Pond, 002 at the West Retention Pond, 003 at West Lake Cell 1 and 004 at West Lake Cell 2. The Discharger has stated that, normally, flow in the Administration Ditch is lifted into the West Retention Pond prior to entry into West Lake, and the East Retention Pond is held in reserve as the site for monitoring and treatment of any flows of questionable water quality. The valve between the East and West Retention Ponds is kept open to allow a larger capacity to store water from the Administration Area. If a spill were to occur the valve would be closed and the spill captured in the East Retention Pond. Modification to the drainage system has been made by the Regional Transit to allow for drainage from an area behind Beck's Furniture to drain onto the Facility and enter Buffalo Creek on the north side of West Lake.

Both retention ponds are intended to serve as a buffer for any flows going to West Lake, whether from Buffalo Creek or the Administration Ditch. Water may be discharged from

West Lake either by surface outfall to Buffalo Creek or percolation to groundwater. At times there are years when there is no discharge from any of the impoundments back to Buffalo Creek and the entire flow is percolated and/or evaporated.

Alder Creek is located on the northeast side of the Aerojet property. The Alder Creek watershed receives discharges and runoff from the Aerojet property and some groundwater recharge. A majority of the watershed has been removed from the auspices of Superfund and is slated for development and preservation of open space. The need for continued monitoring of Alder Creek under this permit will be re-evaluated when the industrial operations discharging to the watershed have been terminated

F-Area Lake (previous Outfall 006) is an unlined surface impoundment that, according to the Discharger, was formed by a spill pit in 1975 through which Buffalo Creek was diverted to provide additional spill monitoring and containment capability. F-Area Lake may receive approximately 75,000 gallons per day (gpd) of stormwater runoff from inactive basins and sumps in the Rocket Engine Test Stand Area. F-Area Lake also receives surface water from the headwaters of Buffalo Creek, which are upstream of F-Area Lake.

Boilers and cooling towers may use treatment chemicals to prevent scaling, oxidation and corrosion. These chemicals currently include Betz Dearborn Control IS104 and Optisperse 302, DN 300 and Steamate 760. These chemicals may be changed from time to time to improve system performance. Estimated discharge rates are 10 gpd for boilers, 25 gpd for cooling towers, 10 gpd for condensers and 5 gpd for air handling systems. There are exceptions to these estimates for a few discharges with flows up to 193,000 gpd for a non-treated cooling tower.

The Discharger discharges domestic waste and industrial wastewater to the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and domestic waste to septic tank-leachfield systems. Most of the domestic waste is generated in the Administration Area near Folsom Boulevard that is sewered to the Regional Plant. According to the Discharger, the remainder of the domestic waste, an estimated total flow of 0.027 mgd, is discharged to approximately 80 septic tanks scattered throughout the property, and solids pumped from the septic tanks are discharged to the Regional interceptor.

C. Legal Authorities. This Order is issued pursuant to section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and implementing regulations adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and chapter 5.5, division 7 of the California Water Code (commencing with section 13370). It shall serve as a NPDES permit for point source discharges from this facility to surface waters. This Order also serves as Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) pursuant to article 4, chapter 4, division 7 of the Water Code (commencing with section 13260).

- D. Background and Rationale for Requirements.** The Regional Water Board developed the requirements in this Order based on information submitted as part of the application, through monitoring and reporting programs, and other available information. The Fact Sheet (Attachment F), which contains background information and rationale for Order requirements, is hereby incorporated into this Order and constitutes part of the Findings for this Order. Attachments A through E are also incorporated into this Order.
- E. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).** Under Water Code section 13389, this action to adopt an NPDES permit is exempt from the provisions of CEQA, Public Resources Code sections 21100-21177.
- F. Technology-based Effluent Limitations.** Section 301(b) of the CWA and implementing USEPA permit regulations at section 122.44, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)¹ require that permits include conditions meeting applicable technology-based requirements at a minimum, and any more stringent effluent limitations necessary to meet applicable water quality standards. The discharge authorized by this Order must meet minimum federal technology-based requirements Best Professional Judgment (BPJ) in accordance with Part 125, section 125.3. A detailed discussion of the technology-based effluent limitations development is included in the Fact Sheet (Attachment F).
- G. Water Quality-based Effluent Limitations.** Section 301(b) of the CWA and section 122.44(d) require that permits include limitations more stringent than applicable federal technology-based requirements where necessary to achieve applicable water quality standards. This Order does not contain requirements that are more stringent than applicable technology-based requirements.

Section 122.44(d)(1)(i) mandates that permits include effluent limitations for all pollutants that are or may be discharged at levels that have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of a water quality standard, including numeric and narrative objectives within a standard. Where reasonable potential has been established for a pollutant, but there is no numeric criterion or objective for the pollutant, water quality-based effluent limitations (WQBELs) must be established using: (1) EPA criteria guidance under CWA section 304(a), supplemented where necessary by other relevant information; (2) an indicator parameter for the pollutant of concern; or (3) a calculated numeric water quality criterion, such as a proposed State criterion or policy interpreting the State's narrative criterion, supplemented with other relevant information, as provided in 40 CFR section 122.44(d)(1)(vi).

- H. Water Quality Control Plans.** The Regional Water Board adopted a *Water Quality Control Plan, Fourth Edition (Revised August 2006), for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins* (hereinafter Basin Plan) that designates beneficial uses,

¹ All further statutory references are to title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations unless otherwise indicated.

establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation programs and policies to achieve those objectives for all waters addressed through the plan. The Basin Plan at page II-2.00 states that the “...*beneficial uses of any specifically identified water body generally apply to its tributary streams.*” The Basin Plan does not specifically identify beneficial uses for Buffalo Creek and Alder Creek, but does identify present and potential uses for the American River, to which Buffalo Creek and Alder Creek are tributary. These beneficial uses are as follows: municipal and domestic supply; agricultural supply, including stock watering; industrial service supply; industrial process supply; navigation; hydropower generation; water contact recreation, including canoeing and rafting; non-contact water recreation, including aesthetic enjoyment; commercial and sport fishing; aquaculture; warm freshwater habitat; cold freshwater habitat; warm migration of aquatic organisms; cold migration of aquatic organisms; warm spawning, reproduction, and/or early development; cold spawning, reproduction, and /or early development; and wildlife habitat.

In addition, the Basin Plan implements State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 88-63, which established state policy that all waters, with certain exceptions, should be considered suitable or potentially suitable for municipal or domestic supply. Thus, as discussed in detail in the Fact Sheet, beneficial uses applicable to Buffalo Creek and Alder Creek are as follows:

Table 5. Basin Plan Beneficial Uses

Discharge Point	Receiving Water Name	Beneficial Use(s)
001, 002, 003, 004	Buffalo Creek	<u>Existing:</u> Warm freshwater habitat (WARM); wildlife habitat (WILD), preservation or rare, threatened or endangered species (RARE), Ground water recharge (GWR), freshwater replenishment (FRSH), contact (REC-1) and non-contact (REC-2) water recreation, Municipal and domestic water supply (MUN).
NA	Alder Creek	<u>Existing:</u> Warm freshwater habitat (WARM); wildlife habitat (WILD), preservation or rare, threatened or endangered species (RARE), Ground water recharge (GWR), freshwater replenishment (FRSH), contact (REC-1) and non-contact (REC-2) water recreation, Municipal and domestic water supply (MUN).

The State Water Board adopted a *Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Water and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California* (Thermal Plan) on May 18, 1972, and amended this plan on September 18, 1975. This plan contains temperature objectives for surface waters. Requirements of this Order implement the Thermal Plan.

Requirements of this Order specifically implement the applicable Water Quality Control Plans.

- I. National Toxics Rule (NTR) and California Toxics Rule (CTR).** USEPA adopted the NTR on December 22, 1992, and later amended it on May 4, 1995 and November 9, 1999. About forty criteria in the NTR applied in California. On May 18, 2000, USEPA adopted the CTR. The CTR promulgated new toxics criteria for California and, in addition, incorporated the previously adopted NTR criteria that were applicable in the state. The CTR was amended on February 13, 2001. These rules contain water quality criteria for priority pollutants.
- J. State Implementation Policy.** On March 2, 2000, the State Water Board adopted the *Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California* (State Implementation Policy or SIP). The SIP became effective on April 28, 2000 with respect to the priority pollutant criteria promulgated for California by the USEPA through the NTR and to the priority pollutant objectives established by the Regional Water Board in the Basin Plan. The SIP became effective on May 18, 2000 with respect to the priority pollutant criteria promulgated by the USEPA through the CTR. The State Water Board adopted amendments to the SIP on February 24, 2005 that became effective on July 13, 2005. The SIP establishes implementation provisions for priority pollutant criteria and objectives and provisions for chronic toxicity control. Requirements of this Order implement the SIP.
- K. Compliance Schedules and Interim Requirements.** In general, an NPDES permit must include final effluent limitations that are consistent with Clean Water Act section 301 and with 40 CFR 122.44(d). There are exceptions to this general rule. The State Water Board has concluded that where the Regional Water Board's Basin Plan allows for schedules of compliance and the Regional Water Board is newly interpreting a narrative standard, it may include schedules of compliance in the permit to meet effluent limits that implement a narrative standard. See *In the Matter of Waste Discharge Requirements for Avon Refinery* (State Board Order WQ 2001-06 at pp. 53-55). See also *Communities for a Better Environment et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board*, 34 Cal.Rptr.3d 396, 410 (2005). The Basin Plan for the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers includes a provision that authorizes the use of compliance schedules in NPDES permits for water quality objectives that are adopted after the date of adoption of the Basin Plan, which was September 25, 1995 (See Basin Plan at page IV-16). Consistent with the State Water Board's Order in the CBE matter, the Regional Water Board has the discretion to include compliance schedules in NPDES permits when it is including an effluent limitation that is a "new interpretation" of a narrative water quality objective. This conclusion is also consistent with the United States Environmental Protection Agency policies and administrative decisions. See, e.g., *Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Control Policy*. The Regional Water Board, however, is not required to include a schedule of compliance, but may issue a Time Schedule Order pursuant to Water Code section 13300 or a Cease and Desist Order pursuant to Water Code section 13301 where it finds that the discharger is violating or threatening to violate the

permit. The Regional Water Board will consider the merits of each case in determining whether it is appropriate to include a compliance schedule in a permit, and, consistent with the Basin Plan, should consider feasibility of achieving compliance, and must impose a schedule that is as short as practicable to achieve compliance with the objectives, criteria, or effluent limit based on the objective or criteria.

For CTR constituents, Section 2.1 of the SIP provides that, based on a Discharger's request and demonstration that it is infeasible for an existing Discharger to achieve immediate compliance with an effluent limitation derived from a CTR criterion, compliance schedules may be allowed in an NPDES permit. Unless an exception has been granted under section 5.3 of the SIP, a compliance schedule may not exceed 5 years from the date that the permit is issued or reissued, nor may it extend beyond 10 years from the effective date of the SIP (or May 18, 2010) to establish and comply with CTR criterion-based effluent limitations. Where a compliance schedule for a final effluent limitation that exceeds 1 year, the Order must include interim numeric limitations for that constituent or parameter. Where allowed by the Basin Plan, compliance schedules and interim effluent limitations or discharge specifications may also be granted to allow time to implement a new or revised water quality objective. This Order does not include compliance schedules and interim effluent limitations and/or discharge specifications.

L. Alaska Rule. On March 30, 2000, USEPA revised its regulation that specifies when new and revised state and tribal water quality standards (WQS) become effective for CWA purposes. (40 C.F.R. § 131.21; 65 Fed. Reg. 24641 (April 27, 2000).) Under the revised regulation (also known as the Alaska rule), new and revised standards submitted to USEPA after May 30, 2000, must be approved by USEPA before being used for CWA purposes. The final rule also provides that standards already in effect and submitted to USEPA by May 30, 2000 may be used for CWA purposes, whether or not approved by USEPA.

M. Stringency of Requirements for Individual Pollutants. This Order contains water quality-based effluent limitations for individual pollutants. The water quality-based effluent limitations consist of restrictions on copper and perchlorate.

Water quality-based effluent limitations have been scientifically derived to implement water quality objectives that protect beneficial uses. Both the beneficial uses and the water quality objectives have been approved pursuant to federal law and are the applicable federal water quality standards. To the extent that toxic pollutant water quality-based effluent limitations were derived from the CTR, the CTR is the applicable standard pursuant to 40 CFR section 131.38. The scientific procedures for calculating the individual water quality-based effluent limitations are based on the CTR-SIP, which was approved by USEPA on May 1, 2001. All beneficial uses and water quality objectives contained in the Basin Plan were approved under state law and submitted to and approved by USEPA prior to May 30, 2000. Any water quality objectives and beneficial uses submitted to USEPA prior to May 30, 2000, but not approved by USEPA

before that date, are nonetheless “*applicable water quality standards for purposes of the [Clean Water] Act*” pursuant to 40 CFR section 131.21(c)(1). Collectively, this Order’s restrictions on individual pollutants are no more stringent than required to implement the technology-based requirements of the CWA and the applicable water quality standards for purposes of the CWA.

- N. Antidegradation Policy.** Section 131.12 requires that the state water quality standards include an antidegradation policy consistent with the federal policy. The State Water Board established California’s antidegradation policy in State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16. Resolution No. 68-16 is consistent with the federal antidegradation policy where the federal policy applies under federal law. Resolution No. 68-16 requires that existing quality of waters be maintained unless degradation is justified based on specific findings. The Regional Water Board’s Basin Plan implements, and incorporates by reference, both the state and federal antidegradation policies. As discussed in detail in the Fact Sheet the permitted discharge is consistent with the antidegradation provision of section 131.12 and State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16.
- O. Anti-Backsliding Requirements.** Sections 402(o)(2) and 303(d)(4) of the CWA and federal regulations at title 40, Code of Federal Regulations section 122.44(l) prohibit backsliding in NPDES permits. These anti-backsliding provisions require effluent limitations in a reissued permit to be as stringent as those in the previous permit, with some exceptions where limitations may be relaxed. All effluent limitations in this Order are at least as stringent as the effluent limitations in the previous Order.
- P. Monitoring and Reporting.** Section 122.48 requires that all NPDES permits specify requirements for recording and reporting monitoring results. Water Code sections 13267 and 13383 authorizes the Regional Water Board to require technical and monitoring reports. The Monitoring and Reporting Program establishes monitoring and reporting requirements to implement federal and State requirements. This Monitoring and Reporting Program is provided in Attachment E.
- Q. Standard and Special Provisions.** Standard Provisions, which apply to all NPDES permits in accordance with section 122.41, and additional conditions applicable to specified categories of permits in accordance with section 122.42, are provided in Attachment D. The discharger must comply with all standard provisions and with those additional conditions that are applicable under section 122.42. The Regional Water Board has also included in this Order special provisions applicable to the Discharger. A rationale for the special provisions contained in this Order is provided in the attached Fact Sheet.
- R. Provisions and Requirements Implementing State Law.** The provisions/requirements in subsections IV.B, IV.C, V.B, and VI.C. of this Order are included to implement state law only. These provisions/requirements are not required or authorized under the federal CWA; consequently, violations of these

provisions/requirements are not subject to the enforcement remedies that are available for NPDES violations.

S. Notification of Interested Parties. The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe Waste Discharge Requirements for the discharge and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written comments and recommendations. Details of notification are provided in the Fact Sheet of this Order.

T. Consideration of Public Comment. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge. Details of the Public Hearing are provided in the Fact Sheet of this Order.

III. DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS

- A. Discharge of wastewater at a location or in a manner different from that described in the Findings is prohibited.
- B. The by-pass or overflow of wastes to surface waters is prohibited, except as allowed by Federal Standard Provisions I.G. and I.H. (Attachment D).
- C. Neither the discharge nor its treatment shall create a nuisance as defined in Section 13050 of the California Water Code.

IV. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND DISCHARGE SPECIFICATIONS

A. Effluent Limitations – Discharge Points 001, 002, 003, and 004

1. Final Effluent Limitations – Discharge Points 001, 002, 003 and 004

The Discharger shall maintain compliance with the following effluent limitations at Discharge Points 001, 002, 003 and 004, with compliance measured at Monitoring Locations EFF001, EFF002, EFF003 and EFF004, respectively, as described in the attached MRP (Attachment E):

- a. The Discharger shall maintain compliance with the effluent limitations specified in Table 6:

Table 6. Effluent Limitations

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations			
		Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Instantaneous Minimum	Instantaneous Maximum
Perchlorate	µg/L	NA	6	NA	NA
Copper, dissolved	µg/L	NA	6.2	NA	NA
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	NA	80	NA	NA

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations			
		Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Instantaneous Minimum	Instantaneous Maximum
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	NA	250	NA	NA
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	NA	40	NA	NA

2. Interim Effluent Limitations – Not Applicable

B. Land Discharge Specifications – Not Applicable

C. Reclamation Specifications – Discharge Point - Not Applicable

V. RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS

A. Surface Water Limitations

Receiving water limitations are based on water quality objectives contained in the Basin Plan and are a required part of this Order. The discharge shall not cause the following in Buffalo Creek at Receiving Water Monitoring Point RSW-003D and Alder Creek at Monitoring Point RSW-004D:

1. **Un-ionized Ammonia.** Un-ionized ammonia to be present in amounts that adversely affect beneficial uses nor to be present in excess of 0.025 mg/L (as N).
2. **Biostimulatory Substances.** Water to contain biostimulatory substances which promote aquatic growths in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.
3. **Chemical Constituents.** Chemical constituents to be present in concentrations that adversely affect beneficial uses.
4. **Color.** Discoloration that causes nuisance or adversely affects beneficial uses.
5. **Dissolved Oxygen:**
 - a. The monthly median of the mean daily dissolved oxygen concentration to fall below 85 percent of saturation in the main water mass;
 - b. The 95 percentile dissolved oxygen concentration to fall below 75 percent of saturation; nor
 - c. The dissolved oxygen concentration to be reduced below 7.0 mg/L at any time.

6. **Floating Material.** Floating material to be present in amounts that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.
7. **Oil and Grease.** Oils, greases, waxes, or other materials to be present in concentrations that cause nuisance, result in a visible film or coating on the surface of the water or on objects in the water, or otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.
8. **pH.** The pH to be depressed below 6.5, raised above 8.5, nor changed by more than 0.5.
9. **Pesticides:**
 - a. Pesticides to be present, individually or in combination, in concentrations that adversely affect beneficial uses;
 - b. Pesticides to be present in bottom sediments or aquatic life in concentrations that adversely affect beneficial uses;
 - c. Total identifiable persistent chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides to be present in the water column at concentrations detectable within the accuracy of analytical methods approved by USEPA or the Executive Officer/prescribed in *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 18th Edition*, or other equivalent methods approved by the Executive Officer.
 - d. Pesticide concentrations to exceed those allowable by applicable antidegradation policies (see State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16 and 40 CFR §131.12.).
 - e. Pesticide concentrations to exceed the lowest levels technically and economically achievable.
 - f. Pesticides to be present in concentration in excess of the maximum contaminant levels set forth in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 15 specified in Table 64444-A (Organic Chemicals) of Section 64444 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.
 - g. Thiobencarb to be present in excess of 1.0 µg/L.
10. **Radioactivity:**
 - a. Radionuclides to be present in concentrations that are harmful/deleterious to human, plant, animal, or aquatic life nor that result in the accumulation of radionuclides in the food web to an extent that presents a hazard to human, plant, animal, or aquatic life.
 - b. Radionuclides to be present in excess of the maximum contaminant levels specified in Table 4 (MCL Radioactivity) of Section 64443 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.
11. **Salinity.** Salinity (chloride, electrical conductivity, TDS, etc.) objectives— Not Applicable

12. **Suspended Sediments.** The suspended sediment load and suspended sediment discharge rate of surface waters to be altered in such a manner as to cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.
13. **Settleable Substances.** Substances to be present in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that causes nuisance or adversely affects beneficial uses.
14. **Suspended Material.** Suspended material to be present in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.
15. **Taste and Odors.** Taste- or odor-producing substances to be present in concentrations that impart undesirable tastes or odors to fish flesh or other edible products of aquatic origin, or that cause nuisance, or otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.
16. **Temperature.** The natural temperature to be increased by more than 5°F.
17. **Toxicity.** Toxic substances to be present, individually or in combination, in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in human, plant, animal, or aquatic life.
18. **Turbidity.** The turbidity to increase as follows:
 - a. More than 1 Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) where natural turbidity is between 0 and 5 NTUs.
 - b. More than 20 percent where natural turbidity is between 5 and 50 NTUs.
 - c. More than 10 NTU where natural turbidity is between 50 and 100 NTUs.
 - d. More than 10 percent where natural turbidity is greater than 100 NTUs.

B. Groundwater Limitations – Not Applicable

VI. PROVISIONS

A. Standard Provisions

1. The Discharger shall comply with all Standard Provisions included in Attachment D of this Order.
2. The Discharger shall comply with the following provisions:
 - a. If the Discharger's wastewater treatment plant is publicly owned or subject to regulation by California Public Utilities Commission, it shall be supervised and operated by persons possessing certificates of appropriate grade according to Title 23, CCR, Division 3, Chapter 26.

- b. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this Order may be terminated or modified for cause, including, but not limited to:
- i. violation of any term or condition contained in this Order;
 - ii. obtaining this Order by misrepresentation or by failing to disclose fully all relevant facts;
 - iii. a change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge; and
 - iv. a material change in the character, location, or volume of discharge.

The causes for modification include:

- *New regulations.* New regulations have been promulgated under Section 405(d) of the Clean Water Act, or the standards or regulations on which the permit was based have been changed by promulgation of amended standards or regulations or by judicial decision after the permit was issued.
- *Land application plans.* When required by a permit condition to incorporate a land application plan for beneficial reuse of sewage sludge, to revise an existing land application plan, or to add a land application plan.
- *Change in sludge use or disposal practice.* Under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 122.62(a)(1), a change in the Discharger's sludge use or disposal practice is a cause for modification of the permit. It is cause for revocation and reissuance if the Discharger requests or agrees.

The Regional Water Board may review and revise this Order at any time upon application of any affected person or the Regional Water Board's own motion.

- c. If a toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any scheduled compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established under Section 307(a) of the CWA, or amendments thereto, for a toxic pollutant that is present in the discharge authorized herein, and such standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation upon such pollutant in this Order, the Regional Water Board will revise or modify this Order in accordance with such toxic effluent standard or prohibition.

The Discharger shall comply with effluent standards and prohibitions within the time provided in the regulations that establish those standards or prohibitions, even if this Order has not yet been modified.

- d. This Order shall be modified, or alternately revoked and reissued, to comply with any applicable effluent standard or limitation issued or approved under Sections

301(b)(2)(C) and (D), 304(b)(2), and 307(a)(2) of the CWA, if the effluent standard or limitation so issued or approved:

- i. contains different conditions or is otherwise more stringent than any effluent limitation in the Order; or
- ii. controls any pollutant limited in the Order.

The Order, as modified or reissued under this paragraph, shall also contain any other requirements of the CWA then applicable.

- e. The provisions of this Order are severable. If any provision of this Order is found invalid, the remainder of this Order shall not be affected.
- f. The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse effects to waters of the State or users of those waters resulting from any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this Order. Reasonable steps shall include such accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature and impact of the non-complying discharge or sludge use or disposal.
- g. The Discharger shall ensure compliance with any existing or future pretreatment standard promulgated by USEPA under Section 307 of the CWA, or amendment thereto, for any discharge to the municipal system.
- h. The discharge of any radiological, chemical or biological warfare agent or high-level, radiological waste is prohibited.
- i. A copy of this Order shall be maintained at the discharge facility and be available at all times to operating personnel. Key operating personnel shall be familiar with its content.
- j. Safeguard to electric power failure:
 - i. The Discharger shall provide safeguards to assure that, should there be reduction, loss, or failure of electric power, the discharge shall comply with the terms and conditions of this Order.
 - ii. Upon written request by the Regional Water Board the Discharger shall submit a written description of safeguards. Such safeguards may include alternate power sources, standby generators, retention capacity, operating procedures, or other means. A description of the safeguards provided shall include an analysis of the frequency, duration, and impact of power failures experienced over the past five years on effluent quality and on the capability of the Discharger to comply with the terms and conditions of the Order. The adequacy of the safeguards is subject to the approval of the Regional Water Board.

- iii. Should the treatment works not include safeguards against reduction, loss, or failure of electric power, or should the Regional Water Board not approve the existing safeguards, the Discharger shall, within ninety days of having been advised in writing by the Regional Water Board that the existing safeguards are inadequate, provide to the Regional Water Board and USEPA a schedule of compliance for providing safeguards such that in the event of reduction, loss, or failure of electric power, the Discharger shall comply with the terms and conditions of this Order. The schedule of compliance shall, upon approval of the Regional Water Board, become a condition of this Order.
- k. The Discharger, upon written request of the Regional Water Board, shall file with the Board a technical report on its preventive (failsafe) and contingency (cleanup) plans for controlling accidental discharges, and for minimizing the effect of such events. This report may be combined with that required under Regional Water Board Standard Provision VI.A.2.m.

The technical report shall:

- i. Identify the possible sources of spills, leaks, untreated waste by-pass, and contaminated drainage. Loading and storage areas, power outage, waste treatment unit outage, and failure of process equipment, tanks and pipes should be considered.
- ii. Evaluate the effectiveness of present facilities and procedures and state when they became operational.
- iii. Predict the effectiveness of the proposed facilities and procedures and provide an implementation schedule containing interim and final dates when they will be constructed, implemented, or operational.

The Regional Water Board, after review of the technical report, may establish conditions that it deems necessary to control accidental discharges and to minimize the effects of such events. Such conditions shall be incorporated as part of this Order, upon notice to the Discharger.

- l. A publicly owned treatment works (POTW) whose waste flow has been increasing, or is projected to increase, shall estimate when flows will reach hydraulic and treatment capacities of its treatment and disposal facilities. The projections shall be made in January, based on the last three years' average dry weather flows, peak wet weather flows and total annual flows, as appropriate. When any projection shows that capacity of any part of the facilities may be exceeded in four years, the Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board by 31 January. A copy of the notification shall be sent to appropriate local elected officials, local permitting agencies and the press. Within 120 days of the notification, the Discharger shall submit a technical report showing how it will

prevent flow volumes from exceeding capacity or how it will increase capacity to handle the larger flows. The Regional Water Board may extend the time for submitting the report.

- m. The Discharger shall submit technical reports as directed by the Executive Officer. All technical reports required herein that involve planning, investigation, evaluation, or design, or other work requiring interpretation and proper application of engineering or geologic sciences, shall be prepared by or under the direction of persons registered to practice in California pursuant to California Business and Professions Code, sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1. To demonstrate compliance with Title 16, CCR, sections 415 and 3065, all technical reports must contain a statement of the qualifications of the responsible registered professional(s). As required by these laws, completed technical reports must bear the signature(s) and seal(s) of the registered professional(s) in a manner such that all work can be clearly attributed to the professional responsible for the work.
- n. Laboratories that perform sample analyses must be identified in all monitoring reports submitted to the Regional Water Board and USEPA.
- o. The Discharger shall conduct analysis on any sample provided by USEPA as part of the Discharge Monitoring Quality Assurance (DMQA) program. The results of any such analysis shall be submitted to USEPA's DMQA manager.
- p. Effluent samples shall be taken downstream of the last addition of wastes to the treatment or discharge works where a representative sample may be obtained prior to mixing with the receiving waters. Samples shall be collected at such a point and in such a manner to ensure a representative sample of the discharge.
- q. All monitoring and analysis instruments and devices used by the Discharger to fulfill the prescribed monitoring program shall be properly maintained and calibrated as necessary, at least yearly, to ensure their continued accuracy.
- r. The Discharger shall file with the Regional Water Board technical reports on self-monitoring performed according to the detailed specifications contained in the Monitoring and Reporting Program attached to this Order.
- s. The results of all monitoring required by this Order shall be reported to the Regional Water Board, and shall be submitted in such a format as to allow direct comparison with the limitations and requirements of this Order. Unless otherwise specified, discharge flows shall be reported in terms of the monthly average and the daily maximum discharge flows.
- t. The Regional Water Board is authorized to enforce the terms of this permit under several provisions of the CWC, including, but not limited to, sections 13385, 13386, and 13387.

- u. For POTWs, prior to making any change in the point of discharge, place of use, or purpose of use of treated wastewater that results in a decrease of flow in any portion of a watercourse, the Discharger must file a petition with the State Water Board, Division of Water Rights, and receive approval for such a change. (CWC section 1211).
- v. In the event the Discharger does not comply or will be unable to comply for any reason, with any prohibition, maximum daily effluent limitation, 1-hour average effluent limitation, or receiving water limitation contained in this Order, the Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board by telephone (916) 464-3291 within 24 hours of having knowledge of such noncompliance, and shall confirm this notification in writing within five days, unless the Regional Water Board waives confirmation. The written notification shall include the information required by Attachment D, Section V.E.1 [40 CFR section 122.41(l)(6)(i)].

B. Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Requirements

1. The Discharger shall comply with the MRP, and future revisions thereto, in Attachment E of this Order.

C. Special Provisions

1. Reopener Provisions

- a. This Order may be reopened for modification, or revocation and reissuance, as a result of the detection of a reportable priority pollutant generated by special conditions included in this Order. These special conditions may be, but are not limited to, fish tissue sampling, whole effluent toxicity, monitoring requirements on internal waste stream(s), and monitoring for surrogate parameters. Additional requirements may be included in this Order as a result of the special condition monitoring data.
- b. Conditions that necessitate a major modification of a permit are described in 40 CFR section 122.62, including:
 - i. If new or amended applicable water quality standards are promulgated or approved pursuant to Section 303 of the CWA, or amendments thereto, this permit may be reopened and modified in accordance with the new or amended standards.
 - ii. When new information, that was not available at the time of permit issuance, would have justified different permit conditions at the time of issuance.

- c. **Mercury.** If mercury is found to be causing toxicity based on acute or chronic toxicity test results, or if a TMDL program is adopted, this Order shall be reopened and an effluent concentration limitation imposed. If the Regional Water Board determines that a mercury offset program is feasible for Dischargers subject to a NPDES permit, then this Order may be reopened to reevaluate the need for a mercury mass loading limitation and the need for a mercury offset program for the Discharger.
- d. **Pollution Prevention.** This Order requires the Discharger prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Based on a review of the pollution prevention plans, this Order may be reopened for addition and/or modification of effluent limitations and requirements for these constituents.
- e. **Whole Effluent Toxicity.** As a result of a Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE), this Order may be reopened to include a chronic toxicity limitation, a new acute toxicity limitation, and/or a limitation for a specific toxicant identified in the TRE. Additionally, if the State Water Board revises the SIP's toxicity control provisions that would require the establishment of numeric chronic toxicity effluent limitations, this Order may be reopened to include a numeric chronic toxicity effluent limitation based on the new provisions.
- f. **Water Effects Ratios (WER) and Metal Translators.** A default WER of 1.0 has been used in this Order for calculating CTR criteria for applicable priority pollutant inorganic constituents. In addition, default dissolved-to-total metal translators have been used to convert water quality objectives from dissolved to total recoverable when developing effluent limitations for <constituent(s)>. If the Discharger performs studies to determine site-specific WERs and/or site-specific dissolved-to-total metal translators, this Order may be reopened to modify the effluent limitations for the applicable inorganic constituents.
- g. **Constituent Study.** If after review of the study results it is determined that the discharge has reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of a water quality objective this Order may be reopened and effluent limitations added for the subject constituents.

2. Special Studies, Technical Reports and Additional Monitoring Requirements

- a. **Chronic Whole Effluent Toxicity.** For compliance with the Basin Plan's narrative toxicity objective, this Order requires the Discharger to conduct chronic whole effluent toxicity testing, as specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E, Section V.). Furthermore, this Provision requires the Discharger to investigate the causes of, and identify corrective actions to reduce or eliminate effluent toxicity. If the discharge exceeds the toxicity numeric monitoring trigger established in this Provision, the Discharger is required to initiate a Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE), in accordance with an approved

TRE Work Plan, and take actions to mitigate the impact of the discharge and prevent reoccurrence of toxicity. A TRE is a site-specific study conducted in a stepwise process to identify the source(s) of toxicity and the effective control measures for effluent toxicity. TREs are designed to identify the causative agents and sources of whole effluent toxicity, evaluate the effectiveness of the toxicity control options, and confirm the reduction in effluent toxicity. This Provision includes requirements for the Discharger to develop and submit a TRE Work Plan and includes procedures for accelerated chronic toxicity monitoring and TRE initiation.

- i. **Initial Investigative Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Work Plan.** Within 90 days of the effective date of this Order, the Discharger shall submit to the Regional Water Board an Initial Investigative TRE Work Plan for approval by the Executive Officer. This should be a one to two page document including, at minimum:
 - a) A description of the investigation and evaluation techniques that will be used to identify potential causes and sources of effluent toxicity, effluent variability, and treatment system efficiency;
 - b) A description of the facility's methods of maximizing in-house treatment efficiency and good housekeeping practices, and a list of all chemicals used in operation of the facility; and
 - c) A discussion of who will conduct the Toxicity Identification Evaluation, if necessary (i.e. an in-house expert or outside contractor).
- i. **Accelerated Monitoring and TRE Initiation.** When the numeric toxicity monitoring trigger is exceeded during regular chronic toxicity monitoring, and the testing meets all test acceptability criteria, the Discharger shall initiate accelerated monitoring as required in the Accelerated Monitoring Specifications. WET testing results exceeding the monitoring trigger during accelerated monitoring demonstrates a pattern of toxicity and requires the Discharger to initiate a TRE to address the effluent toxicity.
- ii. **Numeric Monitoring Trigger.** The numeric toxicity monitoring trigger is $> 1 \text{ TUc}$ (where $\text{TUc} = 100/\text{NOEC}$). The monitoring trigger is not an effluent limitation; it is the toxicity threshold at which the Discharger is required to begin accelerated monitoring and initiate a TRE.
- iii. **Accelerated Monitoring Specifications.** If the monitoring trigger is exceeded during regular chronic toxicity testing, within 14-days of notification by the laboratory of the test results, the Discharger shall initiate accelerated monitoring. Accelerated monitoring shall consist of four (4) chronic toxicity tests in a six-week period (i.e. one test every two weeks) using the species

that exhibited toxicity. The following protocol shall be used for accelerated monitoring and TRE initiation:

- a) If the results of four (4) consecutive accelerated monitoring tests do not exceed the monitoring trigger, the Discharger may cease accelerated monitoring and resume regular chronic toxicity monitoring. However, notwithstanding the accelerated monitoring results, if there is adequate evidence of a pattern of effluent toxicity, the Executive Officer may require that the Discharger initiate a TRE.
- b) If the source(s) of the toxicity is easily identified (i.e. temporary plant upset), the Discharger shall make necessary corrections to the facility and shall continue accelerated monitoring until four (4) consecutive accelerated tests do not exceed the monitoring trigger. Upon confirmation that the effluent toxicity has been removed, the Discharger may cease accelerated monitoring and resume regular chronic toxicity monitoring.
- c) If the result of any accelerated toxicity test exceeds the monitoring trigger, the Discharger shall cease accelerated monitoring and initiate a TRE to investigate the cause(s) of, and identify corrective actions to reduce or eliminate effluent toxicity. Within thirty (30) days of notification by the laboratory of the test results exceeding the monitoring trigger during accelerated monitoring, the Discharger shall submit a TRE Action Plan to the Regional Water Board including, at minimum:
 - 1) Specific actions the Discharger will take to investigate and identify the cause(s) of toxicity, including TRE WET monitoring schedule;
 - 2) Specific actions the Discharger will take to mitigate the impact of the discharge and prevent the recurrence of toxicity; and
 - 3) A schedule for these actions.

3. Stormwater Pollution Prevention

- a. **Implementation.** The Discharger shall develop and implement a storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) in accordance with the requirements established in this Order.
- b. **Objectives.**
 - i. The SWPPP has three major objectives: (a) to identify and evaluate sources of pollutants associated with industrial and construction activities that may affect the quality of storm water discharges and authorized non-storm water discharges from the facility; (b) to identify and implement site-specific best management practices (BMPs) to reduce or prevent pollutants associated with industrial activities in storm water discharges and authorized non-storm

water discharges, and (c) to identify construct, and implement storm water pollution prevention measures (control practices) to reduce pollutants in storm water discharges from the construction site both during construction and after construction is completed. BMPs may include a variety of pollution prevention measures or other low-cost pollution control measures. They are generally categorized as non-structural BMPs (activity schedules, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other low-cost measures) and as structural BMPs (treatment measures, run-off controls, over-head coverage).

- ii. The SWPPP requirements are designed to be sufficiently flexible to meet the needs of various facilities. SWPPP requirements that are not applicable to a facility should not be included in the SWPPP.
- iii. A facility's SWPPP is a written document that shall contain a compliance activity schedule, a description of industrial and construction activities and pollutant sources, descriptions of BMPs, drawings, maps, and relevant copies or references of parts of other plans. The SWPPP shall be revised whenever appropriate and shall be readily available for review by facility employees or Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereafter Board) inspectors.

c. ***Planning and Organization***

- i. ***Pollution Prevention Team.*** The SWPPP shall identify a specific individual or individuals and their positions within the facility organization as members of a storm water pollution prevention team responsible for developing the SWPPP, assisting the facility manager in SWPPP implementation and revision, and conducting all monitoring program activities required in this Order. The SWPPP shall clearly identify the Order related responsibilities, duties, and activities of each team member. For small facilities, storm water pollution prevention teams may consist of one individual where appropriate.
- ii. ***Review Other Requirements and Existing Facility Plans.*** The SWPPP may incorporate or reference the appropriate elements of other regulatory requirements. The Discharger should review all local, State, and Federal requirements that impact, complement, or are consistent with the requirements of this Order. The Discharger should identify any existing facility plans that contain storm water pollutant control measures or relate to requirements of this Order. As examples, Dischargers whose facilities are subject to Federal Spill Prevention and Countermeasures' requirements should already have instituted a plan to control spills of certain hazardous materials. Similarly, Dischargers whose facilities are subject to air quality related permits and regulations may already have evaluated industrial activities that generate dust or particulates.

- d. *Site Maps for Industrial and Construction Activities.* The SWPPP shall include site map(s). The site maps shall be provided on an 8.5x11 inch or larger sheet and include notes, legends, and other data as appropriate to ensure that the site map is clear and understandable. If necessary, Dischargers may provide the required information on multiple site maps.

The following information shall be included on the site map for industrial activities:

- i. The facility boundaries; the outline of all storm water drainage areas within the facility boundaries; portions of the drainage area impacted by run-on from surrounding areas; and direction of flow of each drainage area, on-site surface water bodies, and areas of soil erosion. The map shall also identify nearby water bodies (such as rivers, lakes, ponds, wetlands) and municipal storm drain inlets where the facility's storm water discharges and authorized non-storm water discharges may be received.
- ii. The location of the storm water collection and conveyance system, associated points of discharge, and direction of flow. Include any structural control measures that affect storm water discharges, authorized no-storm water discharges, and run-on. Examples of structural control measures are catch basins, berms, detention ponds, secondary containment, oil/water separators, division barriers, etc.
- iii. An outline of all impervious areas of the facility, including paved areas, buildings, covered storage areas, or other roofed structures.
- iv. Locations where materials are directly exposed to precipitation and the locations where significant spills or leaks identified in Section 6.a.i.v, below, have occurred
- v. Areas of industrial activity. This shall include the locations of all storage areas and storage tanks, shipping and receiving areas, fueling areas, vehicle and equipment storage/maintenance areas, material handling and processing areas, water treatment and disposal areas, dust or particulate generating areas, cleaning and rinsing areas, and other areas of industrial activity which are potential pollutant sources.

A site map should be prepared for each construction project and added to the SWPPP. The following information shall be included on the site maps for construction activities:

- i. Location of control practices used during construction;

- ii. Areas used to store soils and wastes;
 - iii. General topography, location of surface water bodies, and areas of cut and fill;
 - iv. Drainage patterns and slopes anticipated after major grading activities are completed;
 - v. Areas of soil disturbance and discharge points to storm water sewer or water body;
 - vi. Areas of potential soil erosion where control practices will be used during construction;
 - vii. Existing and planned paved areas and buildings;
 - viii. Locations of post-construction control practices;
 - ix. An outline of the drainage area for each on-site storm water discharge point;
 - x. Vehicle storage and service areas; and
 - xi. Areas of existing vegetation.
- e. **List of Significant Materials.** The SWPPP shall include a list of significant materials handled and stored at the site. For each material on the list, describe the locations where the material is being stored, received, shipped, and handled, as well as the typical quantities and frequency. Materials shall include raw materials, intermediate products, final or finished products, recycled materials, and waste or disposed materials.
- f. **Description of Potential Pollutant Sources**
- i. The SWPPP shall include a narrative description of the facility's industrial and construction activities, as identified in Section 4.e., above, associated potential pollutant sources, and potential pollutants that could be discharged in storm water discharges or authorized non-storm water discharges. At a minimum, the following items related to a facility's industrial and construction activities shall be considered:
 - (a) Industrial Processes. Describe each industrial process, the type, characteristics, and quantity of significant materials used in or resulting from the process, and a description of the manufacturing, cleaning, rinsing, recycling, disposal, or other activities related to the process.

Where applicable, areas protected by containment structures and the corresponding containment capacity shall be described.

- (b) **Materials Handling and Storage Areas.** Describe each handling and storage area, type, characteristics, and quantity of significant materials handled or stored, description of the shipping, receiving, and loading procedures, and the spill or leak prevention and response procedures. Where applicable, areas protected by containment structures and the corresponding containment capacity shall be described.
- (c) **Dust and Particulate Generating Activities.** Describe all industrial activities that generate dust or particulates that may be deposited within the facility's boundaries and identify their discharge locations; the characteristics of dust and particulate pollutants; the approximate quantity of dust and particulate pollutants that may be deposited within the facility boundaries; and a description of the primary areas of the facility where dust and particulate pollutants would settle.
- (d) **Significant Spill and Leaks.** Describe materials that have spilled or leaked in significant quantities in storm water discharges or non-storm water discharges since April 17, 1994. Include toxic chemicals (listed in 40 CFR, Part 302) that have been discharged to storm water as reported on U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Form R, and oil and hazardous substances in excess of reportable quantities (see 40 CFR, Parts 110, 117, and 302).

The description shall include the type, characteristics, and approximate quantity of the material spilled or leaked, the cleanup or remedial actions that have occurred or are planned, the approximate remaining quantity of materials that may be exposed to storm water or non-storm water discharges, and the preventative measures taken to ensure spill or leaks do not reoccur. Such list shall be updated as appropriate during the term of this Order.

- (e) Soil Erosion. Describe the facility locations where soil erosion may occur as a result of industrial activity, storm water discharges associated with industrial activity, or authorized non-storm water discharges.
- (f) Construction Practices. Describe practices to minimize contact of construction materials, equipment, and vehicles with storm water. This shall include the methods of on-site storage and disposal of construction materials, and a description of the equipment storage, cleaning, and maintenance areas. Also, describe the preconstruction practices to reduce sediment and other pollutants in storm water discharges.
- ii. The SWPPP shall include a summary of all areas of industrial activities, potential pollutant sources, and potential pollutants.
- g. **Assessment of Potential Pollutant Sources**
 - i. The SWPPP shall include a narrative assessment of all industrial and construction activities and potential pollutant sources as described in 6, above, to determine:
 - (a) Which areas of the facility are likely sources of pollutants in storm water discharges, and
 - (b) Which pollutants are likely to be present in storm water. The Discharger shall consider and evaluate various factors when performing this assessment such as current storm water BMPs; quantities of significant materials handled, produced, stored, or disposed of; likelihood of exposure to storm water or authorized non-storm water discharges; history of spills or leaks; and run-on from outside sources.
 - ii. The Discharger shall summarize the areas of the facility that are likely sources of pollutants and the corresponding pollutants that are likely to be present in storm water discharges.

The Discharger is required to develop and implement additional BMPs as appropriate and necessary to prevent or reduce pollutants associated with each pollutant source. The BMPs will be described in Section 8 below.

For each construction site, estimations should be made for the size of the construction site, pre-and post-construction runoff coefficients, and the percentage area of the construction site that is impervious for both the pre-and post-construction conditions.
- h. **Storm Water Best Management Practices.** The SWPPP shall include a narrative description of the storm water BMPs to be implemented at the facility for each potential pollutant and its source identified in the site assessment phase (Sections 6 and 7, above). The BMPs shall be developed and implemented to

reduce or prevent pollutants in storm water. Each pollutant and its source may require one or more BMPs. Some BMPs may be implemented for multiple pollutants and their sources, while other BMPs will be implemented for a very specific pollutant and its source.

The description of the BMPs shall identify the BMPs as (1) existing BMPs, (2) existing BMPs to be revised and implemented, or (3) BMPs to be implemented. The description shall also include a discussion on the effectiveness of each BMP to reduce or prevent pollutants in storm water discharges. The SWPPP shall provide a summary of all BMPs for each pollutant source.

The Discharger shall consider the following BMPs for implementation at the facility:

- i. Non-Structural BMPs. Non-structural BMPs generally consist of processes, prohibitions, procedures, schedule of activities, etc., that prevent pollutants associated with industrial activity from contacting storm water discharges. They are considered low technology, cost-effective measures. The Discharger should consider all possible non-structural BMP options before considering additional structural BMPs (see Section 8.b., below). Non-structural BMPs that should be considered are:
 - (a) Good Housekeeping. Good housekeeping generally consists of practical procedures to maintain a clean and orderly facility.
 - (b) Preventive Maintenance. Preventive maintenance includes the regular inspection and maintenance of structural storm water controls (catch basins, oil/water separators, etc.), as well as, other facility equipment systems.
 - (c) Spill Response. This includes spill cleanup procedures and necessary cleanup equipment based upon the quantities and locations of significant materials that may spill or leak.
 - (d) Material Handling and Storage. This includes all procedures to minimize the potential for spills and leaks and to minimize exposure of significant materials to storm water discharges.
 - (e) Employee Training. This includes training of personnel who are responsible for (1) implementing activities identified in the SWPPP, (2) conducting inspections, sampling, and visual observations, and (3) managing storm water. Training should address topics such as spill response, good housekeeping, material handling procedures, and actions necessary to implement BMPs identified in the SWPPP. The SWPPP shall identify periodic dates for such training. Records shall be maintained of all training sessions held.

- (f) Waste Handling/Recycling. This includes the procedures or processes to handle, store, or dispose of waste materials or recyclable materials. At construction sites, all wastes (including equipment maintenance waste) disposed at the site or removed from the site for disposal shall be disposed of in compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations, and ordinances
- (g) Record keeping and Internal Reporting. This includes the procedures to ensure that all records of inspections, spills, maintenance activities, corrective action, visual observations, etc., are developed, retained, and provided, as necessary, to the appropriate facility personnel.
- (h) Erosion Control and Site Stabilization. This includes a description of all sediment and erosion control activities. This may include the planting and maintenance of vegetation, diversions of run-on and runoff, placement of sandbags, silt screens, or sediment control devices, etc.

For construction activities, soil stabilization practices shall be designed to preserve existing vegetation where feasible and to revegetate open areas as soon as feasible after grading or construction. In developing these practices, the discharger shall consider: temporary seeding, permanent seeding, mulching, sod stabilization, vegetative buffer strips, protection of trees, or other soil stabilization practices. At a minimum, the operator must implement these practices on all disturbed areas during the rainy season.

Control practices utilized during construction should be designed to prevent a net increase of sediment load in the storm water discharge. In developing control practices, the discharger shall consider a full range of erosion and sediment controls such as detention basins, straw-bale dikes, silt fences, earth dikes, brush barriers, velocity dissipation devices, drainage swales, check dams, subsurface drains, level spreaders, storm drain inlet protection, rock outlet protection, sediment traps, temporary sediment basins, or other controls. At a minimum, sandbag dikes., silt fences, straw bale dikes, or equivalent control practices are required for all significant sideslope and downslope boundaries of the construction area. The discharger must consider site-specific and seasonal conditions when designing the control practices.

- (i) Inspections. This includes, in addition to the preventative maintenance inspection identified above, an inspection schedule of all potential pollutant sources. Tracking and follow-up procedures shall be described to ensure adequate corrective actions are taken and SWPPPs are made. Inspections shall be made at all construction sites prior to commencement of construction and periodically during the construction period, particularly during rainfall runoff events.

- (j) Quality Assurance. This includes procedures to ensure that all elements of the SWPPP and Monitoring Program are adequately conducted.
- ii. Structural BMPs. Where non-structural BMPs identified in Section 8.a., above, are not effective, structural BMPs shall be considered. Structural BMPs generally consist of structural devices that reduce or prevent pollutants in storm water discharges and authorized non-storm water discharges. Structural BMPs that should be considered are:
 - a) Overhead Coverage. This includes structures that provide horizontal coverage of materials, chemicals, and pollutant sources from contact with storm water and authorized non-storm water discharges.
 - (b) Retention Ponds. This includes basins, ponds, surface impoundments, bermed areas, etc., that do not allow storm water to discharge from the facility.
 - (c) Control Devices. This includes berms or other devices that channel or route run-on and runoff away from pollutant sources.
 - (d) Secondary Containment Structures. This generally includes containment structures around storage tanks and other areas for the purpose of collecting any leaks or spills.
 - (e) Treatment. This includes inlet controls, infiltration devices, oil/water separators, detention ponds, vegetative swales, etc., that reduce the pollutants in storm water drainages.
- i. **Annual Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation.** The Discharger shall conduct one comprehensive site compliance evaluation (evaluation) in each reporting period (July 1- June 30). Evaluations should be conducted within 8-16 months of each other. The SWPPP shall be revised, as appropriate, and the revisions implemented within 90 days of the evaluation. Evaluations shall include the following:
 - i. A review of all visual observation records, inspection records, and sampling and analysis results.
 - ii. A visual inspection of all potential pollutant sources for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system.
 - iii. A review and evaluation of all BMPs (both structural and non-structural) to determine whether the BMPs are adequate, properly implemented and maintained, or whether additional BMPs are needed. A visual inspection of equipment needed to implement the SWPPP, such as spill response equipment, shall be included.

- iv. An evaluation report that includes, (a) identification of personnel performing the evaluation, (b) the date(s) of the evaluation, (c) necessary SWPPP revisions, (d) schedule, as required in Section 10.e., below, for implementing SWPPP revisions, (e) any incidents of non-compliance and the corrective actions taken, and (f) a certification that the Discharger is in compliance with this Order. The evaluation report shall be submitted as part of the annual report, retained for at least five years, and signed and certified in accordance with the Provisions of this Order.

j. **SWPPP General Requirements**

- i. The SWPPP shall be retained on site and made available upon request of a representative of the Board and/or local storm water management (local agency) which receives the storm water discharges.
- ii. The Board and/or local agency may notify the Discharger when the SWPPP does not meet one or more of the minimum requirements of this Section. As requested by the Board and/or local agency, the Discharger shall submit an SWPPP revision and implementation schedule that meets the minimum requirements of this section to the Board and/or local agency that requested the SWPPP revisions. Within 14 days after implementing the required SWPPP revisions, the Discharger shall provide written certification to the Board and/or local agency that the revisions have been implemented.
- iii. The SWPPP shall be revised, as appropriate, and implemented prior to changes in industrial or construction activities which (a) may significantly increase the quantities of pollutants in storm water discharges, (b) cause a new area of industrial activity at the facility to be exposed to storm water, or (c) begin an industrial activity which would introduce a new pollutant source at the facility.
- iv. The SWPPP shall be revised and implemented in a timely manner, but in no case more than 90 days after the Discharger determines that the SWPPP is in violation of any requirement(s) of this Order.
- v. When any part of the SWPPP is infeasible to implement by the deadlines specified in Sections 9, 10.c, and 10.d of the Attachment due to proposed significant structural changes, the Discharger shall submit a report to the Board prior to the applicable deadline that (a) describes the portion of the SWPPP that is infeasible to implement by the deadline, (b) provides justification for a time extension, (c) provides a schedule for completing and implementing that portion of the SWPPP, and (d) describes the BMPs that will be implemented in the interim period to reduce or prevent pollutants in storm water discharges and authorized non-storm water discharges. Such reports are subject to Board approval and/or modifications. The Discharger shall provide a written notification to the Board within 14 days after the SWPPP revisions are implemented.

- vi. The SWPPP is considered a report that shall be available to the public by the Board under Section 308(b) of the Clean Water Act.
- vii. The SWPPP shall include the signature and title of the person responsible for preparation of the SWPPP and include the date of initial preparation and each amendment, thereto.

4. Construction, Operation and Maintenance Specifications

a. Storage Pond Operating Requirements.

- i. The storage facilities shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to prevent inundation or washout due to floods with a 100-year return frequency.
- ii. Ponds shall be managed to prevent breeding of mosquitoes. In particular,
 - a) An erosion control program should assure that small coves and irregularities are not created around the perimeter of the water surface.
 - b) Weeds shall be minimized.
 - c) Dead algae, vegetation, and debris shall not accumulate on the water surface.
- iii. Freeboard shall never be less than two feet (measured vertically to the lowest point of overflow).

5. Special Provisions for Municipal Facilities (POTWs Only) – NOT APPLICABLE

6. Other Special Provisions

- a. In the event of any change in control or ownership of land or waste discharge facilities presently owned or controlled by the Discharger, the Discharger shall notify the succeeding owner or operator of the existence of this Order by letter, a copy of which shall be immediately forwarded to the Regional Water Board.

To assume operation under this Order, the succeeding owner or operator must apply in writing to the Executive Officer requesting transfer of the Order. The request must contain the requesting entity's full legal name, the State of incorporation if a corporation, address and telephone number of the persons responsible for contact with the Regional Water Board and a statement. The statement shall comply with the signatory and certification requirements in the Federal Standard Provisions (Attachment D, Section V.B.) and state that the new owner or operator assumes full responsibility for compliance with this Order. Failure to submit the request shall be considered a discharge without requirements, a violation of the California Water Code. Transfer shall be approved or disapproved in writing by the Executive Officer.

7. Compliance Schedules – Not Applicable

VII. COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Compliance with the effluent limitations contained in section IV of this Order will be determined as specified below:

- A. **Persistent Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Pesticides Effluent Limitations.** Not Applicable.
- B. **BOD and TSS Effluent Limitations.** Not applicable.
- C. **Aluminum Effluent Limitations.** Not applicable.
- D. **Total Mercury Mass Loading Effluent Limitations.** Not applicable.
- E. **Average Daily Discharge Flow Effluent Limitations.** Not applicable.
- F. **Total Coliform Organisms Effluent Limitations (Section IV.A.1.<X>).** Not Applicable.
- G. **Persistent Chlorinated Hydrocarbon Pesticides Instantaneous Maximum Effluent Limitation.** Not Applicable
- H. **Total Residual Chlorine Effluent Limitations.** Not Applicable.
- I. **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) Average Monthly Effluent Limitation.** Not applicable.

ATTACHMENT A – DEFINITIONS

Arithmetic Mean (μ), also called the average, is the sum of measured values divided by the number of samples. For ambient water concentrations, the arithmetic mean is calculated as follows:

Arithmetic mean = $\mu = \Sigma x / n$ where: Σx is the sum of the measured ambient water concentrations, and n is the number of samples.

Average Monthly Effluent Limitation (AMEL): the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month.

Average Weekly Effluent Limitation (AWEL): the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar week (Sunday through Saturday), calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar week divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that week.

Best Practicable Treatment or Control (BPTC): BPTC is a requirement of State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 68-16 – “Statement of Policy with Respect to Maintaining High Quality of Waters in California” (referred to as the “Antidegradation Policy”). BPTC is the treatment or control of a discharge necessary to assure that, “(a) a pollution or nuisance will not occur and (b) the highest water quality consistent with maximum benefit to the people of the State will be maintained.” Pollution is defined in CWC Section 13050(I). In general, an exceedance of a water quality objective in the Basin Plan constitutes “pollution”.

Bioaccumulative pollutants are those substances taken up by an organism from its surrounding medium through gill membranes, epithelial tissue, or from food and subsequently concentrated and retained in the body of the organism.

Carcinogenic pollutants are substances that are known to cause cancer in living organisms.

Coefficient of Variation (CV) is a measure of the data variability and is calculated as the estimated standard deviation divided by the arithmetic mean of the observed values.

Daily Discharge: Daily Discharge is defined as either: (1) the total mass of the constituent discharged over the calendar day (12:00 am through 11:59 pm) or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents a calendar day for purposes of sampling (as specified in the permit), for a constituent with limitations expressed in units of mass or; (2) the unweighted arithmetic mean measurement of the constituent over the day for a constituent with limitations expressed in other units of measurement (e.g., concentration).

The daily discharge may be determined by the analytical results of a composite sample taken over the course of one day (a calendar day or other 24-hour period defined as a day) or by the

arithmetic mean of analytical results from one or more grab samples taken over the course of the day.

For composite sampling, if 1 day is defined as a 24-hour period other than a calendar day, the analytical result for the 24-hour period will be considered as the result for the calendar day in which the 24-hour period ends.

Detected, but Not Quantified (DNQ) are those sample results less than the RL, but greater than or equal to the laboratory's MDL.

Dilution Credit is the amount of dilution granted to a discharge in the calculation of a water quality-based effluent limitation, based on the allowance of a specified mixing zone. It is calculated from the dilution ratio or determined through conducting a mixing zone study or modeling of the discharge and receiving water.

Effluent Concentration Allowance (ECA) is a value derived from the water quality criterion/objective, dilution credit, and ambient background concentration that is used, in conjunction with the coefficient of variation for the effluent monitoring data, to calculate a long-term average (LTA) discharge concentration. The ECA has the same meaning as waste load allocation (WLA) as used in U.S. EPA guidance (Technical Support Document For Water Quality-based Toxics Control, March 1991, second printing, EPA/505/2-90-001).

Enclosed Bays means indentations along the coast that enclose an area of oceanic water within distinct headlands or harbor works. Enclosed bays include all bays where the narrowest distance between the headlands or outermost harbor works is less than 75 percent of the greatest dimension of the enclosed portion of the bay. Enclosed bays include, but are not limited to, Humboldt Bay, Bodega Harbor, Tomales Bay, Drake's Estero, San Francisco Bay, Morro Bay, Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor, Upper and Lower Newport Bay, Mission Bay, and San Diego Bay. Enclosed bays do not include inland surface waters or ocean waters.

Estimated Chemical Concentration is the estimated chemical concentration that results from the confirmed detection of the substance by the analytical method below the ML value.

Estuaries means waters, including coastal lagoons, located at the mouths of streams that serve as areas of mixing for fresh and ocean waters. Coastal lagoons and mouths of streams that are temporarily separated from the ocean by sandbars shall be considered estuaries. Estuarine waters shall be considered to extend from a bay or the open ocean to a point upstream where there is no significant mixing of fresh water and seawater. Estuarine waters included, but are not limited to, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, as defined in Water Code section 12220, Suisun Bay, Carquinez Strait downstream to the Carquinez Bridge, and appropriate areas of the Smith, Mad, Eel, Noyo, Russian, Klamath, San Diego, and Otay rivers. Estuaries do not include inland surface waters or ocean waters.

Inland Surface Waters are all surface waters of the State that do not include the ocean, enclosed bays, or estuaries.

Instantaneous Maximum Effluent Limitation: the highest allowable value for any single grab sample or aliquot (i.e., each grab sample or aliquot is independently compared to the instantaneous maximum limitation).

Instantaneous Minimum Effluent Limitation: the lowest allowable value for any single grab sample or aliquot (i.e., each grab sample or aliquot is independently compared to the instantaneous minimum limitation).

Maximum Daily Effluent Limitation (MDEL) means the highest allowable daily discharge of a pollutant, over a calendar day (or 24-hour period). For pollutants with limitations expressed in units of mass, the daily discharge is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the daily discharge is calculated as the arithmetic mean measurement of the pollutant over the day.

Median is the middle measurement in a set of data. The median of a set of data is found by first arranging the measurements in order of magnitude (either increasing or decreasing order). If the number of measurements (n) is odd, then the median = $X_{(n+1)/2}$. If n is even, then the median = $(X_{n/2} + X_{(n/2)+1})/2$ (i.e., the midpoint between the $n/2$ and $n/2+1$).

Method Detection Limit (MDL) is the minimum concentration of a substance that can be measured and reported with 99 percent confidence that the analyte concentration is greater than zero, as defined in title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 136, Attachment B, revised as of July 3, 1999.

Minimum Level (ML) is the concentration at which the entire analytical system must give a recognizable signal and acceptable calibration point. The ML is the concentration in a sample that is equivalent to the concentration of the lowest calibration standard analyzed by a specific analytical procedure, assuming that all the method specified sample weights, volumes, and processing steps have been followed.

Mixing Zone is a limited volume of receiving water that is allocated for mixing with a wastewater discharge where water quality criteria can be exceeded without causing adverse effects to the overall water body.

Not Detected (ND) are those sample results less than the laboratory's MDL.

Ocean Waters are the territorial marine waters of the State as defined by California law to the extent these waters are outside of enclosed bays, estuaries, and coastal lagoons. Discharges to ocean waters are regulated in accordance with the State Water Board's California Ocean Plan.

Persistent pollutants are substances for which degradation or decomposition in the environment is nonexistent or very slow.

Pollutant Minimization Program (PMP) means waste minimization and pollution prevention actions that include, but are not limited to, product substitution, waste stream recycling, alternative waste management methods, and education of the public and businesses. The

goal of the PMP shall be to reduce all potential sources of a priority pollutant(s) through pollutant minimization (control) strategies, including pollution prevention measures as appropriate, to maintain the effluent concentration at or below the water quality-based effluent limitation. Pollution prevention measures may be particularly appropriate for persistent bioaccumulative priority pollutants where there is evidence that beneficial uses are being impacted. The Regional Water Board may consider cost effectiveness when establishing the requirements of a PMP. The completion and implementation of a Pollution Prevention Plan, if required pursuant to Water Code section 13263.3(d), shall be considered to fulfill the PMP requirements.

Pollution Prevention means any action that causes a net reduction in the use or generation of a hazardous substance or other pollutant that is discharged into water and includes, but is not limited to, input change, operational improvement, production process change, and product reformulation (as defined in Water Code section 13263.3). Pollution prevention does not include actions that merely shift a pollutant in wastewater from one environmental medium to another environmental medium, unless clear environmental benefits of such an approach are identified to the satisfaction of the State or Regional Water Board.

Reporting Level (RL) is the ML (and its associated analytical method) chosen by the Discharger for reporting and compliance determination from the MLs included in this Order. The MLs included in this Order correspond to approved analytical methods for reporting a sample result that are selected by the Regional Water Board either from Appendix 4 of the SIP in accordance with section 2.4.2 of the SIP or established in accordance with section 2.4.3 of the SIP. The ML is based on the proper application of method-based analytical procedures for sample preparation and the absence of any matrix interferences. Other factors may be applied to the ML depending on the specific sample preparation steps employed. For example, the treatment typically applied in cases where there are matrix-effects is to dilute the sample or sample aliquot by a factor of ten. In such cases, this additional factor must be applied to the ML in the computation of the RL.

Satellite Collection System is the portion, if any, of a sanitary sewer system owned or operated by a different public agency than the agency that owns and operates the wastewater treatment facility that a sanitary sewer system is tributary to.

Source of Drinking Water is any water designated as municipal or domestic supply (MUN) in a Regional Water Board Basin Plan.

Standard Deviation (σ) is a measure of variability that is calculated as follows:

$$\sigma = \left(\frac{\sum[(x - \mu)^2]}{(n - 1)} \right)^{0.5}$$

where:

x is the observed value;

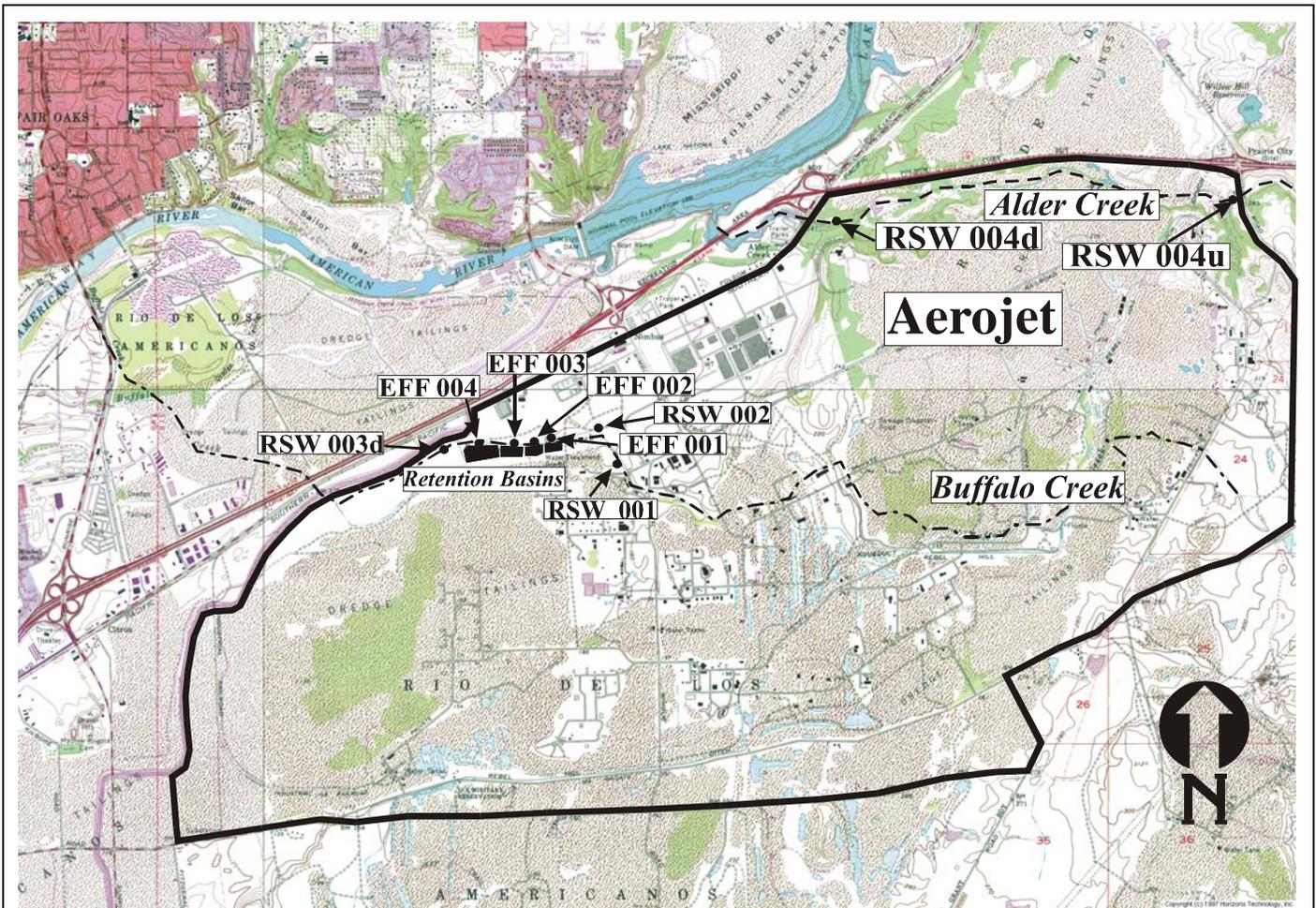
μ is the arithmetic mean of the observed values; and

n is the number of samples.

Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) is a study conducted in a step-wise process designed to identify the causative agents of effluent or ambient toxicity, isolate the sources of toxicity,

evaluate the effectiveness of toxicity control options, and then confirm the reduction in toxicity. The first steps of the TRE consist of the collection of data relevant to the toxicity, including additional toxicity testing, and an evaluation of facility operations and maintenance practices, and best management practices. A Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) may be required as part of the TRE, if appropriate. (A TIE is a set of procedures to identify the specific chemical(s) responsible for toxicity. These procedures are performed in three phases (characterization, identification, and confirmation) using aquatic organism toxicity tests.)

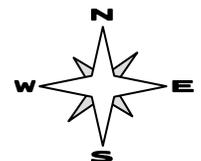
ATTACHMENT B – MAP



Drawing Reference:
BUFFALO CREEK QUAD
U.S.G.S TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE
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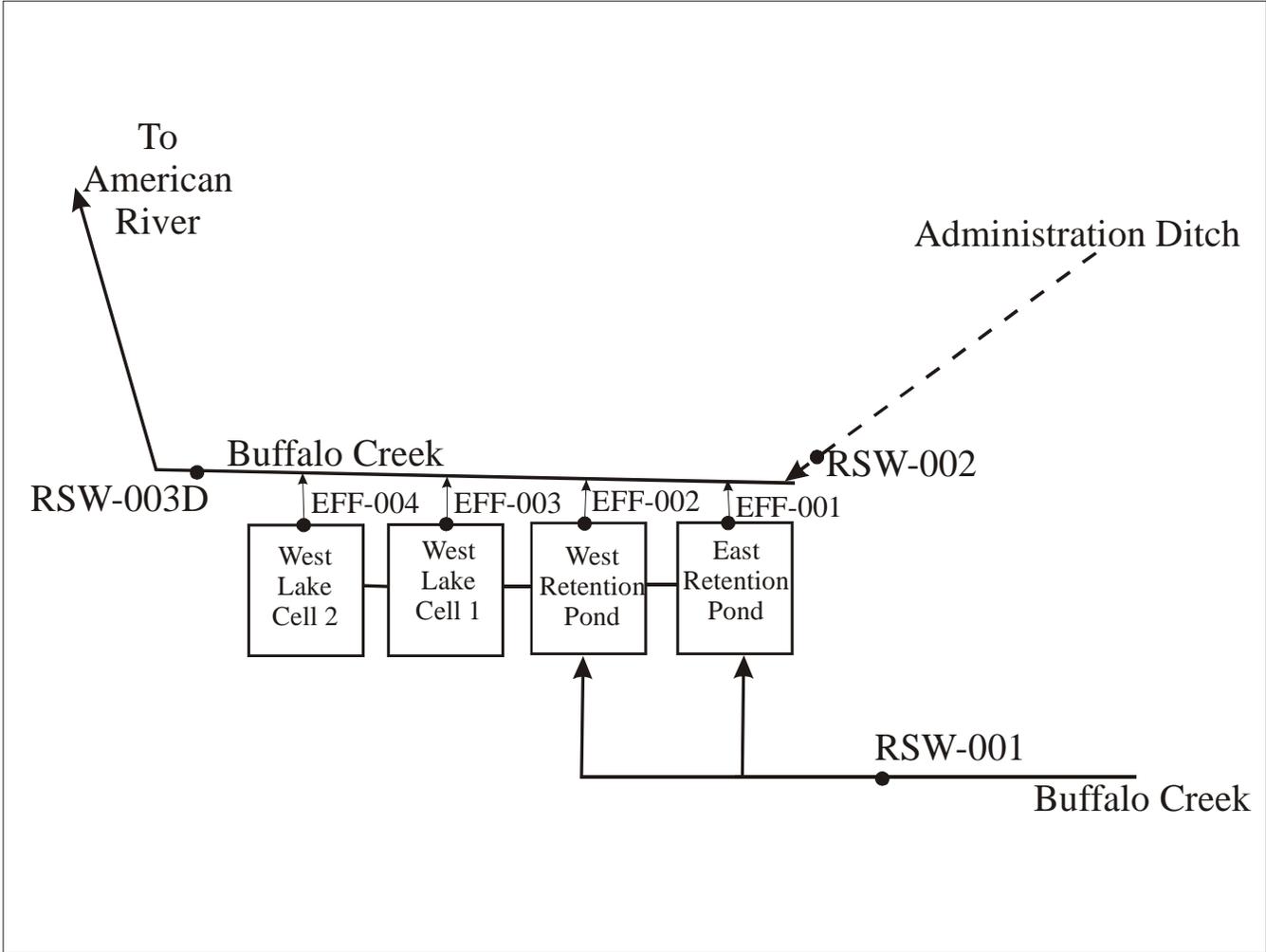
SITE LOCATION MAP

AEROJET-GENERAL CORPORATION
SACRAMENTO FACILITY
SACRAMENTO COUNTY



ATTACHMENT C – FLOW SCHEMATIC

This attachment includes a diagram(s) showing the flow of water and wastewater through the facility, including, if available, raw water supply, flow rates through various processes, and flow rates into and out of the treatment system. This diagram also should indicate the Discharge Points and Monitoring Locations.



ATTACHMENT D –STANDARD PROVISIONS

I. STANDARD PROVISIONS – PERMIT COMPLIANCE

A. Duty to Comply

1. The Discharger must comply with all of the conditions of this Order. Any noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the California Water Code and is grounds for enforcement action, for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(a).)
2. The Discharger shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the CWA for toxic pollutants and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under Section 405(d) of the CWA within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if this Order has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(a)(1).)

B. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense

It shall not be a defense for a Discharger in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(c).)

C. Duty to Mitigate

The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this Order that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(d).)

D. Proper Operation and Maintenance

The Discharger shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the Discharger to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems that are installed by a Discharger only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(e).)

E. Property Rights

1. This Order does not convey any property rights of any sort or any exclusive privileges. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(g).)

2. The issuance of this Order does not authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other private rights, or any infringement of state or local law or regulations. (40 C.F.R. §122.5(c).)

F. Inspection and Entry

The Discharger shall allow the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and/or their authorized representatives (including an authorized contractor acting as their representative), upon the presentation of credentials and other documents, as may be required by law, to (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(i); Wat. Code, § 13383):

1. Enter upon the Discharger's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records are kept under the conditions of this Order (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(i)(1));
2. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this Order (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(i)(2));
3. Inspect and photograph, at reasonable times, any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(i)(3)); and
4. Sample or monitor, at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring Order compliance or as otherwise authorized by the CWA or the Water Code, any substances or parameters at any location. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(i)(4).)

G. Bypass

1. Definitions
 - a. "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(1)(i).)
 - b. "Severe property damage" means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities, which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources that can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(1)(ii).)
2. Bypass not exceeding limitations. The Discharger may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause exceedances of effluent limitations, but only if it is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions listed in Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.G.3, I.G.4, and I.G.5 below. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(2).)

3. Prohibition of bypass. Bypass is prohibited, and the Regional Water Board may take enforcement action against a Discharger for bypass, unless (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(4)(i)):
 - a. Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(4)(i)(A));
 - b. There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass that occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(4)(i)(B)); and
 - c. The Discharger submitted notice to the Regional Water Board as required under Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.G.5 below. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(4)(i)(C).)
4. The Regional Water Board may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Regional Water Board determines that it will meet the three conditions listed in Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.G.3 above. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(4)(ii).)
5. Notice
 - a. Anticipated bypass. If the Discharger knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit a notice, if possible at least 10 days before the date of the bypass. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(3)(i).)
 - b. Unanticipated bypass. The Discharger shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in Standard Provisions - Reporting V.E below (24-hour notice). (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m)(3)(ii).)

H. Upset

Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the Discharger. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(1).)

1. Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.H.2 below are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was

caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(2).).

2. Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. A Discharger who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs or other relevant evidence that (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(3)):
 - a. An upset occurred and that the Discharger can identify the cause(s) of the upset (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(3)(i));
 - b. The permitted facility was, at the time, being properly operated (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(3)(ii));
 - c. The Discharger submitted notice of the upset as required in Standard Provisions – Reporting V.E.2.b below (24-hour notice) (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(3)(iii)); and
 - d. The Discharger complied with any remedial measures required under Standard Provisions – Permit Compliance I.C above. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(3)(iv).)
3. Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding, the Discharger seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(n)(4).)

II. STANDARD PROVISIONS – PERMIT ACTION

A. General

This Order may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the Discharger for modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any Order condition. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(f).)

B. Duty to Reapply

If the Discharger wishes to continue an activity regulated by this Order after the expiration date of this Order, the Discharger must apply for and obtain a new permit. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(b).)

C. Transfers

This Order is not transferable to any person except after notice to the Regional Water Board. The Regional Water Board may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the Order to change the name of the Discharger and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the CWA and the Water Code. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(3); § 122.61.)

III. STANDARD PROVISIONS – MONITORING

- A. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(1).)
- B. Monitoring results must be conducted according to test procedures under Part 136 or, in the case of sludge use or disposal, approved under Part 136 unless otherwise specified in Part 503 unless other test procedures have been specified in this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(4); § 122.44(i)(1)(iv).)

IV. STANDARD PROVISIONS – RECORDS

- A. Except for records of monitoring information required by this Order related to the Discharger's sewage sludge use and disposal activities, which shall be retained for a period of at least five years (or longer as required by Part 503), the Discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this Order, and records of all data used to complete the application for this Order, for a period of at least three (3) years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Regional Water Board Executive Officer at any time. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(2).)

B. Records of monitoring information shall include:

1. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(i));
2. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(ii));
3. The date(s) analyses were performed (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(iii));
4. The individual(s) who performed the analyses (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(iv));
5. The analytical techniques or methods used (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(v)); and
6. The results of such analyses. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(j)(3)(vi).)

C. Claims of confidentiality for the following information will be denied (40 C.F.R. § 122.7(b)):

1. The name and address of any permit applicant or Discharger (40 C.F.R. § 122.7(b)(1)); and
2. Permit applications and attachments, permits and effluent data. (40 C.F.R. § 122.7(b)(2).)

V. STANDARD PROVISIONS – REPORTING

A. Duty to Provide Information

The Discharger shall furnish to the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, or USEPA within a reasonable time, any information which the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, or USEPA may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this Order or to determine compliance with this Order. Upon request, the Discharger shall also furnish to the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, or USEPA copies of records required to be kept by this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(h); Wat. Code, § 13267.)

B. Signatory and Certification Requirements

1. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, and/or USEPA shall be signed and certified in accordance with Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.2, V.B.3, V.B.4, and V.B.5 below. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(k).)
2. All permit applications shall be signed by a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means: (i) A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures. (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(a)(1).)
3. All reports required by this Order and other information requested by the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, or USEPA shall be signed by a person described in Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.2 above, or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
 - a. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.2 above (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(b)(1));
 - b. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of

equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position.) (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(b)(2)); and

- c. The written authorization is submitted to the Regional Water Board and State Water Board. (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(b)(3).)
4. If an authorization under Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.3 above is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.3 above must be submitted to the Regional Water Board and State Water Board prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications, to be signed by an authorized representative. (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(c).)
5. Any person signing a document under Standard Provisions – Reporting V.B.2 or V.B.3 above shall make the following certification:

“I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.” (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(d).)

C. Monitoring Reports

1. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E) in this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.22(l)(4).)
2. Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form or forms provided or specified by the Regional Water Board or State Water Board for reporting results of monitoring of sludge use or disposal practices. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(4)(i).)
3. If the Discharger monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this Order using test procedures approved under Part 136 or, in the case of sludge use or disposal, approved under Part 136 unless otherwise specified in Part 503, or as specified in this Order, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or sludge reporting form specified by the Regional Water Board. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(4)(ii).)
4. Calculations for all limitations, which require averaging of measurements, shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified in this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(4)(iii).)

D. Compliance Schedules

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this Order, shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(5).)

E. Twenty-Four Hour Reporting

1. The Discharger shall report any noncompliance that may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within 24 hours from the time the Discharger becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within five (5) days of the time the Discharger becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(6)(i).)
2. The following shall be included as information that must be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(6)(ii)):
 - a. Any unanticipated bypass that exceeds any effluent limitation in this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(6)(ii)(A).)
 - b. Any upset that exceeds any effluent limitation in this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(6)(ii)(B).)
3. The Regional Water Board may waive the above-required written report under this provision on a case-by-case basis if an oral report has been received within 24 hours. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(6)(iii).)

F. Planned Changes

The Discharger shall give notice to the Regional Water Board as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required under this provision only when (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(1)):

1. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in section 122.29(b) (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(1)(i)); or

2. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants that are not subject to effluent limitations in this Order. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(1)(ii).)
3. The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the Discharger's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(1)(iii).)

G. Anticipated Noncompliance

The Discharger shall give advance notice to the Regional Water Board or State Water Board of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity that may result in noncompliance with General Order requirements. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(2).)

H. Other Noncompliance

The Discharger shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under Standard Provisions – Reporting V.C, V.D, and V.E above at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Standard Provision – Reporting V.E above. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(7).)

I. Other Information

When the Discharger becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, or USEPA, the Discharger shall promptly submit such facts or information. (40 C.F.R. § 122.41(l)(8).)

VI. STANDARD PROVISIONS – ENFORCEMENT

- A. The Regional Water Board is authorized to enforce the terms of this permit under several provisions of the Water Code, including, but not limited to, sections 13385, 13386, and 13387.

VII. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS – NOTIFICATION LEVELS

A. Non-Municipal Facilities

Existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural Dischargers shall notify the Regional Water Board as soon as they know or have reason to believe (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)):

1. That any activity has occurred or will occur that would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant that is not limited in this Order, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels" (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(1)):
 - a. 100 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$) (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(1)(i));
 - b. 200 $\mu\text{g/L}$ for acrolein and acrylonitrile; 500 $\mu\text{g/L}$ for 2,4-dinitrophenol and 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol; and 1 milligram per liter (mg/L) for antimony (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(1)(ii));
 - c. Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the Report of Waste Discharge (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(1)(iii)); or
 - d. The level established by the Regional Water Board in accordance with section 122.44(f). (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(1)(iv).)
2. That any activity has occurred or will occur that would result in the discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of any toxic pollutant that is not limited in this Order, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels" (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(2)):
 - a. 500 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$) (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(2)(i));
 - b. 1 milligram per liter (mg/L) for antimony (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(2)(ii));
 - c. Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the Report of Waste Discharge (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(2)(iii)); or
 - d. The level established by the Regional Water Board in accordance with section 122.44(f). (40 C.F.R. § 122.42(a)(2)(iv).)

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ATTACHMENT E – MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (MRP)

The Code of Federal Regulations section 122.48 requires that all NPDES permits specify monitoring and reporting requirements. Water Code Sections 13267 and 13383 also authorize the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) to require technical and monitoring reports. This MRP establishes monitoring and reporting requirements, which implement the federal and state regulations.

I. GENERAL MONITORING PROVISIONS

- A. Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge. All samples shall be taken at the monitoring locations specified below and, unless otherwise specified, before the monitored flow joins or is diluted by any other waste stream, body of water, or substance. Monitoring locations shall not be changed without notification to and the approval of this Regional Water Board.
- B. Chemical, bacteriological, and bioassay analyses shall be conducted at a laboratory certified for such analyses by the State Department of Health Services. In the event a certified laboratory is not available to the Discharger, analyses performed by a noncertified laboratory will be accepted provided a Quality Assurance-Quality Control Program is instituted by the laboratory. A manual containing the steps followed in this program must be kept in the laboratory and shall be available for inspection by Regional Water Board staff. The Quality Assurance-Quality Control Program must conform to USEPA guidelines or to procedures approved by the Regional Water Board.
- C. All analyses shall be performed in a laboratory certified to perform such analyses by the California Department of Health Services. Laboratories that perform sample analyses shall be identified in all monitoring reports.
- D. Appropriate flow measurement devices and methods consistent with accepted scientific practices shall be selected and used to ensure the accuracy and reliability of measurements of the volume of monitored discharges. All monitoring instruments and devices used by the Discharger to fulfill the prescribed monitoring program shall be properly maintained and calibrated as necessary to ensure their continued accuracy. All flow measurement devices shall be calibrated at least once per year to ensure continued accuracy of the devices.
- E. Monitoring results, including noncompliance, shall be reported at intervals and in a manner specified in this Monitoring and Reporting Program.

II. MONITORING LOCATIONS

The Discharger shall establish the following monitoring locations to demonstrate compliance with the effluent limitations, discharge specifications, and other requirements in this Order:

Table E-1. Monitoring Station Locations

Discharge Point Name	Monitoring Location Name	Monitoring Location Description (include Latitude and Longitude when available)
001	EFF-001	Discharge from East Retention Basin to Buffalo Creek
002	EFF-002	Discharge from West Retention Basin to Buffalo Creek
003	EFF-003	Discharge from West Lake Cell 1 to Buffalo Creek
004	EFF-004	Discharge from West Lake Cell 2 to Buffalo Creek
--	RSW-001	Buffalo Creek upstream of Retention Basins
--	RSW-002	Administration Ditch Prior to Buffalo Creek
--	RSW-003d	Buffalo Creek downstream from retention ponds
--	RSW-004u	Alder Creek upstream at Prairie City Road
--	RSW-004d	Alder Creek downstream near Folsom Boulevard

III. INFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS – NOT APPLICABLE

IV. EFFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. Monitoring Location EFF-001, EFF-002, EFF-003 and EFF-004

- The Discharger shall monitor the discharges from the retention ponds at EFF-001, EFF-002, EFF-003, EFF-004 as follows. If more than one analytical test method is listed for a given parameter, the Discharger must select from the listed methods and corresponding Minimum Level:

Table E-2. Effluent Monitoring

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Perchlorate	µg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	[1]
Copper, Total Recoverable	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	[2]
Copper, Dissolved	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	[2]
Temperature ^[3]	°F	Meter	Once per discharge	
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	
Settleable Solids	mL/L	Grab	Once per discharge	
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Once per discharge	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C	µmhos/cm	Grab	Once per discharge	
pH	pH units	Grab	Once per discharge	

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	
Standard Minerals ^[5]	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	
Priority Pollutants ^{[4], [6]}	µg/L	Grab	Once in third year of permit	

[1] EPA Method 314.1, or equivalent with a Practical Quantitation Level less than or equal to 4.0 ug/L.

[2] EPA method with a Practical Quantitation Level less than or equal to 2.0 ug/L.

[3] Field Measurements

[4] For priority pollutant constituents with effluent limitations, detection limits shall be below the effluent limitations. If the lowest minimum level (ML) published in Appendix 4 of the Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California (State Implementation Plan or SIP) is not below the effluent limitation, the detection limit shall be the lowest ML. For priority pollutant constituents without effluent limitations, the detection limits shall be equal to or less than the lowest ML published in Appendix 4 of the SIP.

[5] Standard minerals shall include the following: boron, calcium, iron, magnesium, potassium, sodium, chloride, manganese, phosphorus, total alkalinity (including alkalinity series), and hardness, and include verification that the analysis is complete (i.e., cation/anion balance).

[6] Concurrent with receiving water sampling.

V. WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING REQUIREMENTS

A. **Acute Toxicity Testing.** The Discharger shall conduct acute toxicity testing to determine whether the effluent is contributing acute toxicity to the receiving water. The Discharger shall meet the following acute toxicity testing requirements:

1. Monitoring Frequency – the Discharger shall perform two times per year acute toxicity testing,.
2. Sample Types – For static non-renewal and static renewal testing, the samples shall be grab samples and shall be representative of the volume and quality of the discharge. The effluent samples shall be taken at the effluent monitoring location EFF-001 or EFF-002, or EFF-003 or EFF-004, or if flow discharge is not available, from the holding basins themselves.
3. Test Species – Test species shall be fathead minnows (*Pimephales promelas*).
4. Methods – The acute toxicity testing samples shall be analyzed using EPA-821-R-02-012, Fifth Edition. Temperature, total residual chlorine, and pH shall be recorded at the time of sample collection. No pH adjustment may be made unless approved by the Executive Officer.
5. Test Failure – If an acute toxicity test does not meet all test acceptability criteria, as specified in the test method, the Discharger must re-sample and re-test as soon as possible, not to exceed 7 days following notification of test failure.

- B. Chronic Toxicity Testing.** The Discharger shall conduct three species chronic toxicity testing to determine whether the effluent is contributing chronic toxicity to the receiving water. The Discharger shall meet the following chronic toxicity testing requirements:
1. Monitoring Frequency – the Discharger shall perform three species chronic toxicity testing annually.
 2. Sample Types – Effluent samples shall be grab samples and shall be representative of the volume and quality of the discharge. The effluent samples shall be taken at EFF-001 or EFF-002 or EFF-003 or EFF-004 as specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program. Given the nature of the discharge, there is no receiving water control sampling requirement in the Monitoring and Reporting Program.
 3. Sample Volumes – Adequate sample volumes shall be collected to provide renewal water to complete the test in the event that the discharge is intermittent.
 4. Test Species – Chronic toxicity testing measures sublethal (e.g. reduced growth, reproduction) and/or lethal effects to test organisms exposed to an effluent compared to that of the control organisms. The Discharger shall conduct chronic toxicity tests with:
 - The cladoceran, water flea, *Ceriodaphnia dubia* (survival and reproduction test);
 - The fathead minnow, *Pimephales promelas* (larval survival and growth test); and
 - The green alga, *Selenastrum capricornutum* (growth test).
 5. Methods – The presence of chronic toxicity shall be estimated as specified in *Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms, Fourth Edition, EPA/821-R-02-013, October 2002*.
 6. Reference Toxicant – As required by the SIP, all chronic toxicity tests shall be conducted with concurrent testing with a reference toxicant and shall be reported with the chronic toxicity test results.
 7. Dilutions – The chronic toxicity testing shall be performed using 100% effluent and two controls. If toxicity is found in any effluent test, the Discharger must immediately retest using the dilution series identified in Table E-5, below. The receiving water control (American River water upstream of Buffalo Creek) shall be used as the diluent (unless the receiving water is toxic).
 8. Test Failure – The Discharger must re-sample and re-test as soon as possible, but no later than fourteen (14) days after receiving notification of a test failure. A test failure is defined as follows:
 - a. The reference toxicant test or the effluent test does not meet all test acceptability criteria as specified in the *Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity*

of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms, Fourth Edition, EPA/821-R-02-013, October 2002 (Method Manual), and its subsequent amendments or revisions; or

- b. The percent minimum significant difference (PMSD) measured for the test exceeds the upper PMSD bound variability criterion in Table 6 on page 52 of the Method Manual. (A retest is only required in this case if the test results do not exceed the monitoring trigger specified in <Special Provisions VI. 2.a.iii.>)

Table E-3. Chronic Toxicity Testing Dilution Series

Sample	Dilutions (%)					Controls	
	100	75	50	25	12.5	Receiving Water	Laboratory Water
% Effluent	100	75	50	25	12.5	0	0
% Receiving Water	0	25	50	75	87.5	100	0
% Laboratory Water	0	0	0	0	0	0	100

- C. **WET Testing Notification Requirements.** The Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board within 24-hrs after the receipt of test results exceeding the monitoring trigger during regular or accelerated monitoring, or an exceedance of the acute toxicity effluent limitation.
- D. **WET Testing Reporting Requirements.** All toxicity test reports shall include the contracting laboratory’s complete report provided to the Discharger and shall be in accordance with the appropriate “Report Preparation and Test Review” sections of the method manuals. At a minimum, whole effluent toxicity monitoring shall be reported as follows:
 - 1. **Chronic WET Reporting.** Regular chronic toxicity monitoring results shall be reported to the Regional Water Board within 30 days following completion of the test, and shall contain, at minimum:
 - a. The results expressed in TUC, measured as 100/NOEC, and also measured as 100/LC₅₀, 100/EC₂₅, 100/IC₂₅, and 100/IC₅₀, as appropriate.
 - b. The statistical methods used to calculate endpoints;
 - c. The statistical output page, which includes the calculation of the percent minimum significant difference (PMSD);
 - d. The dates of sample collection and initiation of each toxicity test; and
 - e. The results compared to the numeric toxicity monitoring trigger.

Additionally, the monthly discharger self-monitoring reports shall contain an updated chronology of chronic toxicity test results expressed in TUC, and organized by test species, type of test (survival, growth or reproduction), and monitoring frequency,

i.e., either quarterly, monthly, accelerated, or TRE. (Note: items a through c, above, are only required when testing is performed using the full dilution series.)

2. **Acute WET Reporting.** Acute toxicity test results shall be submitted with the monthly discharger self-monitoring reports and reported as percent survival.
3. **TRE Reporting.** Reports for Toxicity Reduction Evaluations shall be submitted in accordance with the schedule contained in the Discharger’s approved TRE Work Plan.
4. **Quality Assurance (QA).** The Discharger must provide the following information for QA purposes (If applicable):
 - a. Results of the applicable reference toxicant data with the statistical output page giving the species, NOEC, LOEC, type of toxicant, dilution water used, concentrations used, PMSD, and dates tested.
 - b. The reference toxicant control charts for each endpoint, which include summaries of reference toxicant tests performed by the contracting laboratory.
 - c. Any information on deviations or problems encountered and how they were dealt with.

VI. LAND DISCHARGE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS – NOT APPLICABLE

VII. RECLAMATION MONITORING REQUIREMENTS – NOT APPLICABLE

VIII. RECEIVING WATER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS – SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER

A. Monitoring Location – Buffalo Creek Upstream

1. The Discharger shall monitor Buffalo Creek at RSW-001 and RSW-002 as follows:

Table E-4a. Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Perchlorate	µg/L	Grab	Once per month	[1]
Copper, Total	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	[2]
Copper, Dissolved	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	[2]
Temperature[3]	°F	Meter	Once per month	
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	
Settleable Solids	mL/L	Grab	Once per month	
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Once per month	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C	µmhos/cm	Grab	Once per month	
pH	pH units	Grab	Once per month	
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	
Turbidity	NTU	Meter	Once per month	

- [1] EPA Method 314.1, or equivalent with a Practical Quantitation Level less than or equal to 4.0 ug/L.
- [2] EPA method with a Practical Quantitation Level less than or equal to 2.0 ug/L.
- [3] Field Measurements

B. Monitoring Location - Buffalo Creek Downstream

- 1. The Discharger shall monitor the Buffalo Creek at RSW-003d as follows:

Table E-4b. Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Perchlorate	µg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	[1]
Copper, Total	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	[2]
Copper, Dissolved	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	[2]
Temperature ^[3]	°F	Meter	Once per discharge	
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	
Settleable Solids	mL/L	Grab	Once per discharge	
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Once per discharge	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C	µmhos/cm	Grab	Once per discharge	
pH	pH units	Grab	Once per discharge	
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	Grab	Once per discharge	
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Once per discharge	

- [1] EPA Method 314.1, or equivalent with a Practical Quantitation Level less than or equal to 4.0 ug/L.
- [2] EPA method with a Practical Quantitation Level less than or equal to 2.0 ug/L.
- [3] Field Measurements

C. Monitoring Location - Alder Creek Upstream

- 1. The Discharger shall monitor the Alder Creek at RSW-004U as follows:

Table E-5c. Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Perchlorate	µg/L	Grab	Once per month	[1]

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Temperature ^[3]	°F	Meter	Once per month	[2]
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	[2]
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	
Settleable Solids	mL/L	Grab	Once per month	
Turbidity	NTU	Meter	Once per month	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Meter	Once per month	
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C ^[3]	µmhos/cm	Grab	Once per month	
pH	pH units	Meter	Once per month	
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	
Turbidity	NTU	Meter	Once per month	

[1] EPA Method 314.1, or equivalent with a Practical Quantitation Level less than or equal to 4.0 ug/L.

[2] EPA method with a Practical Quantitation Level less than or equal to 2.0 ug/L.

[3] Field Measurements

D. Monitoring Location - Alder Creek Downstream

1. The Discharger shall monitor Alder Creek at RSW-004D as follows:

Table E-5d. Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Minimum Sampling Frequency	Required Analytical Test Method
Perchlorate	µg/L	Grab	Once per month	[1]
Temperature ^[2]	°F	Meter	Once per month	
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	
Settleable Solids	mL/L	Grab	Once per month	
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Once per month	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C ^[2]	µmhos/cm	Grab	Once per month	
pH	pH units	Grab	Once per month	
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	Grab	Once per month	
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Once per month	

[1] EPA Method 314.1, or equivalent with a Practical Quantitation Level less than or equal to 4.0 ug/L.

[2] Field Measurements

IX. OTHER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS – NOT APPLICABLE

X. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A. General Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

1. The Discharger shall comply with all Standard Provisions (Attachment D) related to monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping.
1. Upon written request of the Regional Water Board, the Discharger shall submit a summary monitoring report. The report shall contain both tabular and graphical summaries of the monitoring data obtained during the previous year(s).
2. **Compliance Time Schedules.** For compliance time schedules included in the Order, the Discharger shall submit to the Regional Water Board, on or before each compliance due date, the specified document or a written report detailing compliance or noncompliance with the specific date and task. If noncompliance is reported, the Discharger shall state the reasons for noncompliance and include an estimate of the date when the Discharger will be in compliance. The Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board by letter when it returns to compliance with the compliance time schedule.
3. The Discharger shall report to the Regional Water Board any toxic chemical release data it reports to the State Emergency Response Commission within 15 days of reporting the data to the Commission pursuant to section 313 of the "Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986.
4. **Reporting Protocols.** The Discharger shall report with each sample result the applicable Practical Quantitation Limit (PQL) and the current Method Detection Limit (MDL), as determined by the procedure in Part 136.

The Discharger shall report the results of analytical determinations for the presence of chemical constituents in a sample using the following reporting protocols:

- a. Sample results greater than or equal to the PQL shall be reported as measured by the laboratory (i.e., the measured chemical concentration in the sample).
- b. Sample results less than the PQL, but greater than or equal to the laboratory's MDL, shall be reported as "Detected, but Not Quantified," or DNQ. The estimated chemical concentration of the sample shall also be reported.

For the purposes of data collection, the laboratory shall write the estimated chemical concentration next to DNQ as well as the words "Estimated Concentration" (may be shortened to "Est. Conc."). The laboratory may, if such information is available, include numerical estimates of the data quality for the reported result. Numerical estimates of data quality may be percent accuracy (\pm a percentage of the reported value), numerical ranges (low to high), or any other means considered appropriate by the laboratory.

- c. Sample results less than the laboratory's MDL shall be reported as "Not Detected," or ND.

- d. Dischargers are to instruct laboratories to establish calibration standards so that the PQL value (or its equivalent if there is differential treatment of samples relative to calibration standards) is the lowest calibration standard. At no time is the Discharger to use analytical data derived from *extrapolation* beyond the lowest point of the calibration curve.
5. **Multiple Sample Data.** When determining compliance with an AMEL, AWEL, or MDEL for priority pollutants and more than one sample result is available, the Discharger shall compute the arithmetic mean unless the data set contains one or more reported determinations of “Detected, but Not Quantified” (DNQ) or “Not Detected” (ND). In those cases, the Discharger shall compute the median in place of the arithmetic mean in accordance with the following procedure:
- a. The data set shall be ranked from low to high, ranking the reported ND determinations lowest, DNQ determinations next, followed by quantified values (if any). The order of the individual ND or DNQ determinations is unimportant.
 - b. The median value of the data set shall be determined. If the data set has an odd number of data points, then the median is the middle value. If the data set has an even number of data points, then the median is the average of the two values around the middle unless one or both of the points are ND or DNQ, in which case the median value shall be the lower of the two data points where DNQ is lower than a value and ND is lower than DNQ.

B. Self Monitoring Reports (SMRs)

1. At any time during the term of this permit, the State or Regional Water Board may notify the Discharger to electronically submit Self-Monitoring Reports (SMRs) using the State Water Board’s California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS) Program Web site (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ciwqs/index.html>). Until such notification is given, the Discharger shall submit hard copy SMRs. The CIWQS Web site will provide additional directions for SMR submittal in the event there will be service interruption for electronic submittal.
2. Monitoring results shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board by the **fifteenth day** of the second month following sample collection. Quarterly and annual monitoring results shall be submitted by the **fifteenth day of the second month following each calendar quarter, semi-annual period, and year**, respectively.
3. In reporting the monitoring data, the Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the date, the constituents, and the concentrations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner to illustrate clearly whether the discharge complies with waste discharge requirements. The highest daily maximum for the month, monthly and weekly averages, and medians, and removal efficiencies (%) for BOD and Total Suspended Solids, shall be determined and recorded as needed to demonstrate compliance.
4. With the exception of flow, all constituents monitored on a continuous basis (metered), shall be reported as daily maximums, daily minimums, and daily

averages; flow shall be reported as the total volume discharged per day for each day of discharge.

5. If the Discharger monitors any pollutant at the locations designated herein more frequently than is required by this Order, the results of such monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the values required in the discharge monitoring report form. Such increased frequency shall be indicated on the discharge monitoring report form.
6. A letter transmitting the self-monitoring reports shall accompany each report. Such a letter shall include a discussion of requirement violations found during the reporting period, and actions taken or planned for correcting noted violations, such as operation or facility modifications. If the Discharger has previously submitted a report describing corrective actions and/or a time schedule for implementing the corrective actions, reference to the previous correspondence will be satisfactory. The transmittal letter shall contain the penalty of perjury statement by the Discharger, or the Discharger's authorized agent, as described in the Standard Provisions.
7. SMRs must be submitted to the Regional Water Board, signed and certified as required by the Standard Provisions (Attachment D), to the address listed below:

Regional Water Quality Control Board
 Central Valley Region
 11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200
 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

8. Monitoring periods and reporting for all required monitoring shall be completed according to the following schedule:

Table E-6. Monitoring Periods and Reporting Schedule

Sampling Frequency	Monitoring Period Begins On...	Monitoring Period	SMR Due Date
Monthly	First day of calendar month following permit effective date or on permit effective date if that date is first day of the month	1 st day of calendar month through last day of calendar month	15 th day of the second month following the end of the monitoring period
Quarterly	Closest of January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 following permit effective date	January 1 through March 31 April 1 through June 30 July 1 through September 30 October 1 through December 31	15 th day of the second month following the end of the monitoring period
Annually	Permit effective date	January 1 through December 31	15 th day of the second month following the end of the monitoring period

C. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs)

1. As described in Section X.B.1 above, at any time during the term of this permit, the State or Regional Water Board may notify the Discharger to electronically submit SMRs that will satisfy federal requirements for submittal of Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs). Until such notification is given, the Discharger shall submit DMRs in accordance with the requirements described below.
2. DMRs must be signed and certified as required by the standard provisions (Attachment D). The Discharger shall submit the original DMR and one copy of the DMR to the address listed below:

STANDARD MAIL	FEDEX/UPS/ OTHER PRIVATE CARRIERS
State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Quality c/o DMR Processing Center PO Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-1000	State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Quality c/o DMR Processing Center 1001 I Street, 15 th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

3. All discharge monitoring results must be reported on the official USEPA pre-printed DMR forms (EPA Form 3320-1). Forms that are self-generated cannot be accepted unless they follow the exact same format as EPA form 3320-1.

D. Other Reports

1. **Progress Reports.** Not applicable.
2. Within **60 days** of permit adoption, the Discharger shall submit a report outlining minimum levels, method detection limits, and analytical methods for approval, with a goal to achieve detection levels below applicable water quality criteria. At a minimum, the Discharger shall comply with the monitoring requirements for CTR constituents as outlined in Section 2.3 and 2.4 of the *Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California*, adopted 2 March 2000 by the State Water Resources Control Board. All peaks identified by analytical methods shall be reported.
3. **Annual Operations Report.** By **30 January** of each year, the Discharger shall submit a written report to the Executive Officer containing the following:
 - a. The names, certificate grades, and general responsibilities of all persons employed at the Facility that deal with the wastewater discharges and compliance with this permit at the Facility.

- b. The names and telephone numbers of persons to contact for emergency and routine situations regarding the discharges associated with this Order.
- c. A statement certifying when the flow meter(s) and other monitoring instruments and devices were last calibrated, including identification of who performed the calibration.
- d. The Discharger may also be requested to submit an annual report to the Regional Water Board with both tabular and graphical summaries of the monitoring data obtained during the previous year. Any such request shall be made in writing. The report shall discuss the compliance record. If violations have occurred, the report shall also discuss the corrective actions taken and planned to bring the discharge into full compliance with the waste discharge requirements.

4. Annual Pretreatment Reporting Requirements. Not Applicable.

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ATTACHMENT F – FACT SHEET

As described in section II of this Order, this Fact Sheet includes the legal requirements and technical rationale that serve as the basis for the requirements of this Order.

This Order has been prepared under a standardized format to accommodate a broad range of discharge requirements for Dischargers in California. Only those sections or subsections of this Order that are specifically identified as “not applicable” have been determined not to apply to this Discharger. Sections or subsections of this Order not specifically identified as “not applicable” are fully applicable to this Discharger.

I. PERMIT INFORMATION

The following table summarizes administrative information related to the facility.

Table F-1. Facility Information

WDID	
Discharger	Aerojet-General Corporation
Name of Facility	Sacramento Facility
Facility Address	Aerojet Road
	Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
	Sacramento County
Facility Contact, Title and Phone	Karen Gunderson, Environmental Health and Safety Director, 916-355-2387
Authorized Person to Sign and Submit Reports	Karen Gunderson, Environmental Health and Safety Director, 916-355-2387
Mailing Address	P.O. Box 13222 Sacramento, CA 95813-6000
Billing Address	SAME
Type of Facility	Industrial – Guided Missile and Space Vehicle Propulsion
Major or Minor Facility	Minor
Threat to Water Quality	2
Complexity	C
Pretreatment Program	NA
Reclamation Requirements	NA
Facility Permitted Flow	NA
Facility Design Flow	NA
Watershed	American River
Receiving Water	Buffalo and Alder Creeks
Receiving Water Type	Inland surface water

- A.** The Aerojet-General Corporation (hereinafter Discharger) is the owner and operator of the Sacramento Facility a rocket propulsion systems testing and manufacturing facility.

For the purposes of this Order, references to the “discharger” or “permittee” in applicable federal and state laws, regulations, plans, or policy are held to be equivalent to references to the Discharger herein.

- B.** The Facility discharges wastewater to Buffalo Creek and Alder Creek waters of the United States, and is currently regulated by Order No. R5-1999-0016-R01 that was adopted on 1 March 2002 and expired on 1 April 2004. The terms and conditions of the current Order have been automatically continued and remain in effect until new Waste Discharge Requirements and NPDES permit are adopted pursuant to this Order.
- C.** The Discharger filed a report of waste discharge and submitted an application for renewal of its Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit on 30 September 2003. Supplemental information was received on 2 March 2004, 25 June 2004, 27 June 2004, 14 December 2004, 7 December 2007, 21 December 2007.

II. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The Discharger’s business activities at the Facility include the development of rocket propulsion systems, engineering, manufacturing, and testing; and custom and specialty chemical manufacturing and related activities. The Discharger discharges storm water, cooling tower overflow, boiler blowdown and numerous low-threat discharges such as eyewash/safety showers, condensate, roof drains, non-lubricated compressor blowdowns, and chiller waters. The majority of these discharges discharge directly into infiltration zones not directly connected to surface waters. Some of the discharges could reach surface waters during significant storm water runoff events.

These discharges have been permitted under waste discharge requirements commencing in 1952, changing to an NPDES permit in 1984. Past discharges that no longer occur include process wastewaters from rocket testing and manufacturing, and chemical manufacturing. Several of these past discharges have led to contamination of the soils and groundwater at the Facility, leading to placing the Facility on the Federal Superfund List in 1982. The Discharger is in the process of investigating and remediating the pollution from past discharge/disposal practices and spills. Monitoring and cleanup of the groundwater is occurring under the Superfund Program.

A. Description of Wastewater and Biosolids Treatment or Controls

In the 1970/80’s the Discharger constructed six holding ponds along Buffalo Creek to be used for spill control and containment and in part, to help the groundwater remediation pollution control systems control the flow of the groundwater pollution by recharging freshwater to impede the groundwater flow and funnel it towards groundwater extraction wells. The first impoundment along Buffalo Creek is located near the eastern end of the

facility in the liquid rocket test area, not too far from the headwaters of Buffalo Creek. This pond, known as F-Area Lake, received storm water from the liquid rocket test area, along with treated process flows from the testing operations. F-Area Lake now only receives storm water runoff from the deactivated liquid rocket test area.

The remaining 5 impoundments – West Lake Cells 1, 2 and 3, and east and west retention basins - are found on the northwestern side of the Facility. Buffalo Creek has realigned to flow into West Lake Cell 1. Cell 1 is connected to Cell 2, and Cell 3 is no longer used. Buffalo Creek is impounded at that point and is only released back to Buffalo Creek when capacity is needed in the impoundments to accept additional storm water runoff. Water remaining in the impoundments evaporates or percolates to groundwater. Generally, the Administration Ditch conveys runoff from the Administration Area and is lifted into the West Retention Pond. East and West Retention Ponds are connected, with the valve between them generally kept open, and connected to West Lake Cell 1. Thus, the retention ponds act to reduce suspended materials and sediments in the storm water runoff providing defacto treatment of the flows in Buffalo Creek.

During 2003 to 2007 there were a total of 9 discharges from the retention basins to Buffalo Creek. See Attachment B, Figure B-1, a part of this Order for the flow layout of Buffalo Creek and its impoundments. Flows ranged from 3 million gallons to 14 million gallons for each discharge, with the discharge lasting 1 to 3 days.

B. Discharge Points and Receiving Waters

1. The Facility is located in T9N, R7E MDB&M, as shown in Attachment B (Figure B-2), a part of this Order.
2. Numerous wastewater discharges, primarily cooling tower and boiler blowdown and low-threat discharges take place across the 8800 acres of the Facility. See Table B.1, below for the list of current discharge points and the receiving waters for the watersheds into which the discharges occur. A majority of the discharges fall within the drainage area for Buffalo Creek, or areas that do not appear to drain to surface waters – including drainage to Rebel Hill Ditch, which has no exit to surface water. A small number of the discharges are into the drainage area for Alder Creek. See Attachment B, Figure B-3, a part of this Order.
3. Buffalo Creek is tributary to the American River just upstream of the Sunrise Bridge overcrossing. Buffalo Creek originates on the far eastern side of the Discharger's property, flowing westerly until exiting the Facility near US50. Buffalo Creek's channel has been modified many times during the 1900's as the property on which the Facility is located was part of larger area that was dredged for gold. These dredging operations caused severe disruption to the surface of the property leaving nearly 75% of it covered with tall cobble piles. As described above, the Discharger impounds the entire flow of the intermittent creek (only contains flow after stormwater runoff events) on its property for percolation and evaporation. The

Discharger has control or the use of the creek on its property and the creek is not used for any domestic, municipal or industrial supply purposes on the Facility.

4. Alder Creek enters the Facility along the northeastern boundary after crossing Prairie City Road. The creek meanders along the northern boundary of the Facility exiting the Facility at Folsom Boulevard. Alder Creek is tributary to the American River at Lake Natoma.
5. Discharges 001, 002, 003, and 004 are from the East Retention Pond, West Retention Pond, West Lake Cell 1, and West Lake Cell 2, respectively to Buffalo Creek. These discharges are monitored to assess compliance with effluent limitations prior to discharge.
6. In addition to those discharges, previously the Discharger monitored several other process and storm water discharges to F-Area Lake and the discharge from F-Area Lake to Buffalo Creek. As the process waters are no longer produced, those discharges will no longer be monitored.
7. The Discharger also has historically monitored six receiving water locations: S-1 on Buffalo Creek prior to the retention basins, S-2 on the Administration Ditch prior Buffalo Creek, S-3 on Buffalo Creek after the discharge from the retention basins, S-4 on Buffalo Creek at F-Area Lake, S-5 upstream on Alder Creek and S-6 downstream on Buffalo Creek. Sampling frequency has varied over time including up to 3 times per week, weekly, monthly and quarterly.

Table B.1- Current Discharge Locations - Note this list may not be comprehensive and discharges similar to Discharge points 006 thru 182 may be added or deleted during the life of the permit.

Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude	Discharge Point Longitude	Receiving Water
001	East Retention Pond	38°, 37', 14"	121°, 13', 22"	Buffalo Creek
002	West Retention Pond	38°, 37', 13"	121°, 13', 28"	Buffalo Creek
002A	West Pond to Cell 1	38 °, 37', 12"	121 °, 13', 31"	NA
003	West Lake, Cell 1	38 °, 37', 11"	121 °, 13', 41"	Buffalo Creek
004	West Lake Cell 2	38 °, 27', 11"	121 °, 13', 55"	Buffalo Creek
005	No longer used	38 °, 37', 4"	121 °, 14', 52"	NA
006	F-Area Lake – Neutralization and Chemical Oxidation	38 °, 37', 25.33"	121 °, 9', 29.26"	Buffalo Creek

Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude	Discharge Point Longitude	Receiving Water
007A thru 007D	No longer used			NA
007E	E-Zone Sumps	38 °, 37', 39.48"	121 °, 9', 25.91"	Buffalo Creek
008	North and South Basins			Buffalo Creek
009	G-4, G-5 and G-6 basin rainwater diversion			Buffalo Creek
010	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
011	Bldg 0003 – non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 37', 11.838"	121 °, 12', 35.238"	Buffalo Creek
012	Bldg 00005 – non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 37', 11.465"	121 °, 12', 40.497"	Buffalo Creek
013	Bldg 00006 – 1 treated, 2 non-treated cooling towers	38 °, 37', 4.363"	121 °, 12', 46.635"	Buffalo Creek
014 thru 016	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
017	Bldg 01006 – non treated cooling tower	38 °, 36', 40.754"	121 °, 12', 28.355"	Buffalo Creek
018	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
018A	Bldg 01012 – treated boiler	38 °, 36', 32"	121 °, 12', 26"	Buffalo Creek
019	Bldg 01017 – non treated cooling tower	38 °, 36', 32.060	121 °, 12', 26.376"	Buffalo Creek
020 - 021	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
022	Bldg 01023 - four treated boilers	38 °, 36', 36.08"	121 °, 12', 5.45"	Buffalo Creek
023	Bldg 01024 non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 36', 32.666"	121 °, 12', 11.196"	Buffalo Creek
024	Bldg 01025 – non-treated cooling tower, two vacuum pumps	38 °, 36', 33.01"	121 °, 12', 5.02"	Buffalo Creek
025	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
025	Bldg 01028 – 2 treated boilers	38 °, 36', 42.54"	121 °, 12', 38.36"	Buffalo Creek
027-028	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
029	Bldg 01034 – two treated boilers	38 °, 37', 5.199"	121 °, 11', 39.490"	Buffalo Creek
030 -031	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
032	Bldg 01039 - equipment sump water	38 °, 36', 32.21"	121 °, 12', 31.89"	Buffalo Creek
033	Bldg 01042 – 2 untreated cooling towers	38 °, 36', 49.220"	121 °, 12', 12.791"	Buffalo Creek
034	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
035	Bldg 01049 – non-treated cooling tower			Buffalo Creek
036	Bldg 01050 – treated boiler	38 °, 36', 35"	121 °, 12', 38"	

Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude	Discharge Point Longitude	Receiving Water
037	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
038	Bldg 01056 – one treated boiler	38 ° 36', 54.72"	121 ° 12', 10.55"	
039	Bldg 01058 – 2 treated boiler, non-treated cooling tower	38 ° 37', 07.931"	121 ° 11', 44.345"	
040	Bldg 01062 – 2 treated boilers, non treated cooling tower	38 ° 37', 01.068"	121 ° 11', 48.185"	
041	Bldg 01066 – 2 treated boilers, non treated cooling tower	38 ° 36', 47.130"	121 ° 12', 14.210"	
042	Bldg 01083 – 3 non-treated cooling towers	38 ° 36', 53.58"	121 ° 11', 55.23"	
043 - 044	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
045	Bldg 01086 – 2 treated boilers, non-treated cooling tower	38 ° 36', 57.320"	121 ° 12', 01.499"	
046	Bldg 01087 – non-treated cooling tower	38 ° 36', 53.485"	121 ° 11', 54.850"	
047	Bldg 01095 -- non-treated cooling tower	38 ° 36', 36.304"	121 ° 12', 28.545"	
048	Bldg 01096 – 2 treated boilers	38 ° 36', 36.04"	121 ° 12', 27.72"	
049-050	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
051	Bldg 01100 – treated cooling tower	38 ° 36', 40.13"	121 ° 12', 5.60"	
052	Bldg 01101 – non-treated cooling tower	38 ° 36', 35.374"	121 ° 12', 08.651"	
053	Bldg 01102 – treated cooling tower	38 ° 36', 39.98"	121 ° 12', 11.18"	
054	Bldg 01103 – non-treated cooling tower, treated cooling tower	38 ° 36', 27.373"	121 ° 12', 16.940"	
055 thru 058	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
059	Bldg 02024 – non treated cooling tower	38 ° 37', 13.110"	121 ° 12', 53.425"	
060 – 061	No longer used			NA
062	Bldg 04116 – non-treated cooling tower	38 ° 36', 2.89"	121 ° 11', 58.14"	
063	two non-treated cooling towers			
064 - 065	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
066	Bldg 05014 – non-treated cooling tower	38 ° 36', 51.375"	121 ° 13', 07.169"	
067	Bldg 05015 – non-treated cooling tower, sump drain			
068 thru 073	No longer used	NA	NA	NA

Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude	Discharge Point Longitude	Receiving Water
074	Bldg 05022 – two non-treated cooling towers	38 °, 36', 56.060"	121 °, 13', 11.810"	
075	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
076	Bldg 05025 – non treated cooling tower	38 °, 36', 51.23"	121 °, 12', 57.62"	
077-081	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
082	Bldg 05032 – 2 non-treated cooling towers	38 °, 36', 47.793"	121 °, 13', 08.393"	
083	Bldg 05033 – one non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 36', 56.362"	121 °, 13', 27.512"	
084 thru 090	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
091	Bldg 05061 – treated boiler – AMPAC boiler			
092-093	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
094	Bldg 05079 – non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 37', 00.535"	121 °, 13', 27.631"	
095	Bldg 05080 – 2 treated boilers, non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 37', 01.626"	121 °, 13', 23.338"	
096 thru 102	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
103	Bldg 05104 – non-treated cooling tower			
104	Bldg 05106 – steam condensate discharge from heater	38 °, 37', 55.27"	121 °, 12', 54.93"	
105 thru 108	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
109	Bldg 20001 – non-treated boiler	38 °, 37', 44.78	121 °, 12', 19.99"	
110	Bldg 20002 – 2 non-treated boiler, 4 non-treated cooling towers, 2 treated cooling towers	38 °, 37', 47.320"	121 °, 12', 15.498"	
111	Bldg 2004 – lab hydraulic press coolant	38 °, 37', 37.399"	121 °, 12', 14.246"	
	lab(D) water system			
	dev ops assy & fab			
	platelet AC degreaser coolant			
	lab DI water system coolant			
	GTAW machine cooling tower			
	lab apparatus coolant			
	lab vapor degreaser coolant			
	platelet cooling tower drain overflow			

Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude	Discharge Point Longitude	Receiving Water
	platelet ipsen furnace cooling tower drain			
	platelet clean room A/C condensate lines			
	EP weld coolant			
	six treated boilers			
	six treated cooling towers			
	2 non-treated cooling towers, non-lubricated compressor			
112	Bldg 20006 non-treated boiler, treated cooling tower	38 °, 37', 42.738"	121 °, 12', 26.882"	
113	Bldg 20009, 2 treated boilers, non treated cooling tower, treated cooling tower	38 °, 37', 37.806"	121 °, 12', 32.933"	
114	Bldg 20015 – non-treated boiler, non treated cooling tower	38 °, 37', 35.682"	121 °, 12', 25.208"	
115	Building 20019, 2 non-treated boilers, 2 non-treated cooling towers	38 °, 37', 37.428"	121 °, 12', 14.289"	
116	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
117	Bldg 20025 – non-treated boiler	38 °, 37', 35.151"	121 °, 12', 21.985"	
118-119	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
120	Bldg 30002 – non-treated cooling tower - inactive	38 °, 38', 12.559"	121 °, 9', 36.143"	
121	Bldg 3003 – 1 non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 38', 13.512"	121 °, 9', 38.428"	
122	Bldg 30004 – vacuum pump coolant	38 °, 38', 11.37"	121 °, 9', 34.75"	
123	Bldg 30005 – power supply coolant - inactive	38 °, 38', 11.37"	121 °, 9', 34.25"	
124	Bldg 30010 – bay A-7 LH2 storage tank deluge system, bay A-7 vacuum pump coolant, Bay A-5 water flow facility	38 °, 38', 11.24"	121 °, 9', 32.67"	
125	Bldg 33008 – one boiler drain, 1 temperature controlled test lines	38 °, 37', 38.37"	121 °, 9', 17.92"	
126-127	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
128	Bldg 34006 – hydraulic pump coolant			
129	Bldg 34009 – treated boiler, heat exchanger, boiler condensate from heat exchangers, non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 37', 32.336"	121 °, 9', 24.698"	

Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude	Discharge Point Longitude	Receiving Water
130	Bldg 34109 – RP-1TI secondary containment	38 °, 37', 30.44"	121 °, 9', 24.40"	
131	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
132	Bldg 36009 – 2 non-treated cooling towers	38 °, 37', 5.569"	121 °, 9', 41.226"	
133	Bldg 36010 – sump pump, bearing water coolant	38 °, 37', 6.26"	121 °, 9', 41.83"	
134	Bldg 36015 – treated boiler	38 °, 37', 07.055"	121 °, 9', 40.381"	
135 thru 137	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
138	Area 38 J-Zone lift station			
139	Bldg 38001 - non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 37', 02.984"	121 °, 9', 30.185"	
140	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
141	Bldg 38003 – J-11 hydraulic pump coolant, J-14 diffuser and ejector coolant, J-14A ICS elbow coolant			
142	Bldg 38004, RP-1 tank secondary containment			
143	Bldg 38005 – J-3 condenser cooling, Mon 3 tank secondary containment			
144	Bldg 38006 – MMH tank secondary containment			
	J-5 hydraulic pump secondary containment			
	J-5 diffuser coolant			
	J-5 duct elbow coolant			
145	Bldg 38007 – J-4 diffuser and duct coolant			
	J-4 MMMH conditioning pump coolant			
	J-4 N ₂ O ₄ condition pump coolant			
	J-4 system pump coolant			
	Steam system condensate			
146	Bldg 38008 – Flourine pit secondary containment, 2 treated boilers			
147	Bldg 38009 – Drum storage secondary containment			
148	Bldg 38086 A-50 secondary containment			
149	Bldg 38087 - N ₂ O ₄ secondary containment			
150	No longer used	NA	NA	NA

Discharge Point	Effluent Description	Discharge Point Latitude	Discharge Point Longitude	Receiving Water
151	Bldg 46109 – non-treated boiler			
152	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
153	Bldg 46032 – env. conditioning cell	38 °, 37', 49.241"	121 °, 10', 18.356"	
154	Bldg 46035 – one treated boiler	38 °, 37', 17.97"	121 °, 10', 43.05"	
155	Bldg 46038 – treated boiler	38 °, 37', 31.307"	121 °, 10', 37.509"	
156	Bldg 46039 – NT boiler	38 °, 37', 50.32"	121 °, 10', 3.89"	
157	Bldg 46037 – non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 37', 15.71"	121 °, 11', 7.59"	
158	Bldg 46068 – treated boiler	38 °, 37', 16.30"	121 °, 11', 7.25"	
159	Bldg 49010 – non-treated boiler			
160	Bldg 49011 – 2 treated boilers	38 °, 37', 36.56"	121 °, 13', 10.30"	
161	Bldg 49015 – treated boiler, non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 37', 35.09"	121 °, 13', 2.65"	
162	Area 30 – A Zone CLAS/Waste tanks secondary containment			
163	J-Zone Aspirator tanks secondary containment			
164	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
165	Bldg 01066 – diesel tank secondary containment	38 °, 36', 47.73"	121 °, 12', 15.50"	
166	Bldg 46030 – Hydroproof test water	38 °, 37', 11.44"	121 °, 10', 54.28"	
167	Former RCRA V Tank 04051 secondary containment			
168	Former diesel tank 01110 secondary containment			
169	Bldg 20002 – flushing of deionized water tank	38 °, 37', 40.720"	121 °, 12', 16.146"	
170	Bldg 30015 – backflushing of clam growth control filter	38 °, 38', 17.91"	121 °, 9', 39.94"	
171 - 176	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
177	Car-Washing adjacent to Building 02028, 20022, 4900 area and/or 2000 Administration Area			Buffalo Creek
178 thru 180	No longer used	NA	NA	NA
181	Bldg 38011 – drum storage secondary containment			
182	Bldg 30023 – non-treated cooling tower	38 °, 38', 12.687"	121 °, 9', 33.996"	
183-186	No longer used	NA	NA	NA

C. Summary of Existing Requirements and Self-Monitoring Report (SMR) Data

Effluent limitations/Discharge Specifications contained in the existing Order for discharges from the East and West Retention Basins to Buffalo Creek through Outfalls 001 and 002, from West Lake to Buffalo Creek through Outfalls 003, 004 and 005 and from F-Area Lake to Buffalo Creek through Outfall 006 and representative monitoring data from the term of the previous Order are as follows:

Table F-2. Historic Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Data

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitation			Monitoring Data (Jan 2003 – Nov 2007)		
		Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Maximum Daily	Highest Average Monthly Discharge	Highest Average Weekly Discharge	Highest Daily Discharge
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	20		40	13	NA	15
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	80		150	7		8.4
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	250		500	84		86
Hydrazine	mg/L	0.01		0.02	<0.005		<0.005
Methylhydrazine	mg/L	0.01		0.02	<0.005		<0.005
1,1-Dimethylhydrazine	mg/L	0.01		0.02	<0.005		<0.005
N-nitrosdimethylamine	ug/L	0.002			<0.002		<0.002
Perchlorate	ug/L	18			<4		<4
Total Hydrazines	mg/L	0.01		0.02	<0.005		<0.005
Hydrogen Ion	pH	6-9		9	7.6		8.1
Nitrate (as NO ₃)	mg/L	45		60	3.4		3.4
Chlorine Residual	mg/L	0.01		0.02	<0.01		<0.01

D. Compliance Summary

There have been no violations of waste discharge requirements since the last version of the permit was adopted in 1999.

E. Planned Changes

There are no planned changes in the operation of the facility during the life of the permit that would effect compliance. There could be elimination of some of the discharges allowed under the permit, i.e., the discontinued operation at a particular building could eliminate the use of the boiler and/or cooling tower associated with the building. Little to no

rocket testing currently occurs that generates wastewater or cooling water, with most of those activities moved to the Discharger's facilities in other states.

III. APPLICABLE PLANS, POLICIES, AND REGULATIONS

The requirements contained in this Order are based on the applicable plans, policies, and regulations identified in section II of the Limitations and Discharge Requirements (Findings). This section provides supplemental information, where appropriate, for the plans, policies, and regulations relevant to the discharge.

A. Legal Authority

See Limitations and Discharge Requirements - [Findings](#), Section II.C.

B. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

See Limitations and Discharge Requirements - Findings, Section II.E.

C. State and Federal Regulations, Policies, and Plans

- 1. Water Quality Control Plans.** The Regional Water Board adopted a *Water Quality Control Plan, Fourth Edition (Revised August 2006), for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins* (Basin Plan) that designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation programs and policies to achieve those objectives for all waters addressed through the plan. In addition, State Water Board Resolution No. 88-63 requires that, with certain exceptions, the Regional Water Board assign the municipal and domestic supply use to water bodies that do not have beneficial uses listed in the Basin Plan. The beneficial uses of the American River downstream of the discharge are municipal and domestic supply, agricultural irrigation, agricultural stock watering, industrial process water supply, industrial service supply, water contact recreation, other non-contact water recreation, warm freshwater aquatic habitat, cold freshwater aquatic habitat, warm fish migration habitat, cold fish migration habitat, warm spawning habitat, wildlife habitat, and navigation.

The Basin Plan on page II-1.00 states: "*Protection and enhancement of existing and potential beneficial uses are primary goals of water quality planning...*" and with respect to disposal of wastewaters states that "*...disposal of wastewaters is [not] a prohibited use of waters of the State; it is merely a use which cannot be satisfied to the detriment of beneficial uses.*"

The federal CWA section 101(a)(2), states: "*it is the national goal that wherever attainable, an interim goal of water quality which provides for the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and for recreation in and on the water be achieved by July 1, 1983.*" Federal Regulations, developed to implement the requirements of the CWA, create a rebuttable presumption that all waters be designated as fishable and swimmable. Federal Regulations, 40 CFR sections

131.2 and 131.10, require that all waters of the State regulated to protect the beneficial uses of public water supply, protection and propagation of fish, shell fish and wildlife, recreation in and on the water, agricultural, industrial and other purposes including navigation. Section 131.3(e), 40 CFR, defines existing beneficial uses as those uses actually attained after November 28, 1975, whether or not they are included in the water quality standards. Federal Regulation, 40 CFR section 131.10 requires that uses be obtained by implementing effluent limitations, requires that all downstream uses be protected and states that in no case shall a state adopt waste transport or waste assimilation as a beneficial use for any waters of the United States.

2. **Thermal Plan.** The State Water Board adopted a *Water Quality Control Plan for Control of Temperature in the Coastal and Interstate Water and Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California* (Thermal Plan) on May 18, 1972, and amended this plan on September 18, 1975. This plan contains temperature objectives for surface waters. The thermal discharges associated with the Discharger's operation consist of cooling towers and boiler blowdown. Those elevated temperature discharges first go to ground and may, at times, reach Buffalo Creek on the Facility property. Discharges from the retention basins to Buffalo Creek only occur during the winter/spring time and the average temperature of the discharges is 10°C (50°F). The discharge to Buffalo Creek from the Facility is not an elevated temperature waste and is in compliance with the Thermal Plan. Requirements of this Order implement the Thermal Plan.
3. **Bay-Delta Plan.** The *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary* (Bay-Delta Plan) was adopted in May 1995 by the State Water Board superseding the 1991 Bay-Delta Plan. The Bay-Delta Plan identifies the beneficial uses of the estuary and includes objectives for flow, salinity, and endangered species protection.

The Bay-Delta Plan attempts to create a management plan that is acceptable to the stakeholders while at the same time is protective of beneficial uses of the San Joaquin River. The State Water Board adopted Decision 1641 (D-1641) on December 29, 1999. D-1641 implements flow objectives for the Bay-Delta Estuary, approves a petition to change points of diversion of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project in the Southern Delta, and approves a petition to change places of use and purposes of use of the Central Valley Project. The water quality objectives of the Bay-Delta Plan are implemented as part of this Order.

4. **Antidegradation Policy.** Section 131.12 requires that the state water quality standards include an antidegradation policy consistent with the federal policy. The State Water Board established California's antidegradation policy in State Water Board Resolution No. 68-16. Resolution No. 68-16 incorporates the federal antidegradation policy where the federal policy applies under federal law. Resolution No. 68-16 requires that existing water quality be maintained unless degradation is justified based on specific findings. The Regional Water Board's Basin Plan implements, and incorporates by reference, both the State and federal

antidegradation policies. As discussed in detail in the Fact Sheet (Attachment F, Section IV.D.4.) the discharge is consistent with the antidegradation provisions of 40 CFR section 131.12 and State Water Board Resolution 68-16.

5. **Anti-Backsliding Requirements.** Sections 402(o)(2) and 303(d)(4) of the CWA and federal regulations at title 40, Code of Federal Regulations section 122.44(l) prohibit backsliding in NPDES permits. These anti-backsliding provisions require that effluent limitations in a reissued permit must be as stringent as those in the previous permit, with some exceptions in which limitations may be relaxed. Compliance with the Anti-Backsliding requirements is discussed in Section IV.D.3.
6. **Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.** Not Applicable.
7. **Stormwater Requirements.** USEPA promulgated Federal Regulations for storm water on 16 November 1990 in 40 CFR Parts 122, 123, and 124. The NPDES Industrial Storm Water Program regulates storm water discharges from industrial and commercial facilities. This permit includes limitations and monitoring required under that program.
8. **Endangered Species Act.** This Order does not authorize any act that results in the taking of a threatened or endangered species or any act that is now prohibited, or becomes prohibited in the future, under either the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code sections 2050 to 2097) or the Federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C.A. sections 1531 to 1544). This Order requires compliance with effluent limits, receiving water limits, and other requirements to protect the beneficial uses of waters of the state. The Discharger is responsible for meeting all requirements of the applicable Endangered Species Act.

D. Impaired Water Bodies on CWA 303(d) List

1. Under Section 303(d) of the 1972 Clean Water Act, states, territories and authorized tribes are required to develop lists of water quality limited segments. The waters on these lists do not meet water quality standards, even after point sources of pollution have installed the minimum required levels of pollution control technology. On July 25, 2003 USEPA gave final approval to California's 2002 Section 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments. The Basin Plan references this list of Water Quality Limited Segments (WQLSs), which are defined as "...those sections of lakes, streams, rivers or other fresh water bodies where water quality does not meet (or is not expected to meet) water quality standards even after the application of appropriate limitations for point sources (40 CFR 130, et seq.)." The Basin Plan also states, "Additional treatment beyond minimum federal standards will be imposed on dischargers to [WQLSs]. Dischargers will be assigned or allocated a maximum allowable load of critical pollutants so that water quality objectives can be met in the segment." Buffalo Creek and Alder Creek are not on the list
2. **Total Maximum Daily Loads.** The US EPA requires the Regional Water Board to develop total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for each 303(d) listed pollutant and

water body combination. The American River has been placed on the 303(d) list for mercury and unknown toxicity. The TMDL for mercury is underdevelopment and the schedule provided with the 303(d) list has it scheduled for completion in 2008. The TMDL for the unknown toxicity is not yet underdevelopment and the schedule lists completion in 2019.

E. Other Plans, Policies and Regulations

1. The State Water Board adopted the *Water Quality Control Policy for the Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California*. The requirements within this Order are consistent with the Policy.

IV. RATIONALE FOR EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND DISCHARGE SPECIFICATIONS

Effluent limitations and toxic and pretreatment effluent standards established pursuant to Sections 301 (Effluent Limitations), 302 (Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations), 304 (Information and Guidelines), and 307 (Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and amendments thereto are applicable to the discharge.

The Federal CWA mandates the implementation of effluent limitations that are as stringent as necessary to meet water quality standards established pursuant to state or federal law [33 U.S.C., § 1311(b)(1)(C); 40 CFR, § 122.44(d)(1)]. NPDES permits must incorporate discharge limits necessary to ensure that water quality standards are met. This requirement applies to narrative criteria as well as to criteria specifying maximum amounts of particular pollutants. Pursuant to Federal Regulations, 40 CFR Section 122.44(d)(1)(i), NPDES permits must contain limits that control all pollutants that “*are or may be discharged at a level which will cause, have the reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to an excursion above any state water quality standard, including state narrative criteria for water quality.*” Federal Regulations, 40 CFR, §122.44(d)(1)(vi), further provide that “[w]here a state has not established a water quality criterion for a specific chemical pollutant that is present in an effluent at a concentration that causes, has the reasonable potential to cause, or contributes to an excursion above a narrative criterion within an applicable State water quality standard, the permitting authority must establish effluent limits.”

The CWA requires point source discharges to control the amount of conventional, non-conventional, and toxic pollutants that are discharged into the waters of the United States. The control of pollutants discharged is established through effluent limitations and other requirements in NPDES permits. There are two principal bases for effluent limitations: 40 CFR §122.44(a) requires that permits include applicable technology-based limitations and standards, and 40 CFR §122.44(d) requires that permits include water quality-based effluent limitations to attain and maintain applicable numeric and narrative water quality criteria to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving water where numeric water quality objectives have not been established. The Regional Water Board’s Basin Plan, page IV-17.00, contains an implementation policy (“Policy for Application of Water Quality Objectives” that specifies that the Regional Water Board “*will, on a case-by-case basis, adopt numerical limitations in orders which will*

implement the narrative objectives.” This Policy complies with 40 CFR §122.44(d)(1). With respect to narrative objectives, the Regional Water Board must establish effluent limitations using one or more of three specified sources, including (1) EPA’s published water quality criteria, (2) a proposed state criterion (*i.e.*, water quality objective) or an explicit state policy interpreting its narrative water quality criteria (*i.e.*, the Regional Water Board’s “Policy for Application of Water Quality Objectives”)(40 CFR 122.44(d)(1) (vi) (A), (B) or (C)), or (3) an indicator parameter. The Basin Plan contains a narrative objective requiring that: “*All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in human, plant, animal, or aquatic life*” (narrative toxicity objective). The Basin Plan requires the application of the most stringent objective necessary to ensure that surface water and groundwater do not contain chemical constituents, discoloration, toxic substances, radionuclides, or taste and odor producing substances that adversely affect beneficial uses. The Basin Plan states that material and relevant information, including numeric criteria, and recommendations from other agencies and scientific literature will be utilized in evaluating compliance with the narrative toxicity objective. The Basin Plan also limits chemical constituents in concentrations that adversely affect surface water beneficial uses. For waters designated as municipal, the Basin Plan specifies that, at a minimum, waters shall not contain concentrations of constituents that exceed Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) of CCR Title 22. The Basin Plan further states that, to protect all beneficial uses, the Regional Water Board may apply limits more stringent than MCLs.

A. Discharge Prohibitions

1. *As stated in section I.G of Attachment D, Standard Provisions, this Order prohibits bypass from any portion of the treatment facility. Federal Regulations, 40 CFR 122.41 (m), define “bypass” as the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility. This section of the Federal Regulations, 40 CFR 122.41 (m)(4), prohibits bypass unless it is unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage. In considering the Regional Water Board’s prohibition of bypasses, the State Water Board adopted a precedential decision, Order No. WQO 2002-0015, which cites the Federal Regulations, 40 CFR 122.41(m), as allowing bypass only for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation.*

B. Technology-Based Effluent Limitations – Not Applicable

C. Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations (WQBELs)

1. Scope and Authority

As specified in section 122.44(d)(1)(i), permits are required to include WQBELs for pollutants (including toxicity) that are or may be discharged at levels that cause, have reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to an in-stream excursion above any state water quality standard. The process for determining reasonable potential and calculating WQBELs when necessary is intended to protect the designated uses of the receiving water as specified in the Basin Plan, and achieve applicable water

quality objectives and criteria that are contained in other state plans and policies, or any applicable water quality criteria contained in the CTR and NTR.

2. Applicable Beneficial Uses and Water Quality Criteria and Objectives

- a. **Receiving Water.** Buffalo Creek originates on the eastern side of the facility, meandering westward to an area near the intersection of the Folsom South Canal and US 50. At that point, Buffalo Creek is routed into the East and West Retention Basins and Ponds 1 and 2. In those impoundments, the water from Buffalo Creek mixes with that from the Administration Ditch. The impounded water is stored for evaporation percolation. Flows occur in Buffalo Creek upstream of the impoundments only during the winter time and are associated with rainfall runoff, and return of infiltrated rainfall to the streambed. Just downstream of the impoundments, there is a year-round flow in Buffalo Creek associated with the discharge from two groundwater extraction and treatment systems. Those plants discharge up to 9000 gpm of treated groundwater under an NPDES permit. Buffalo Creek meanders for approximately 2.5 miles through commercial and residential areas prior to joining the American River at the Sunrise Boulevard overcrossing. See Section III of this Attachment for the beneficial uses of Buffalo Creek.
- b. **Hardness.** While no effluent limitation for hardness is necessary in this Order, hardness is critical to the assessment of the need for, and the development of, effluent limitations for certain metals. The *California Toxics Rule*, at (c)(4), states the following:

“Application of metals criteria. (i) For purposes of calculating freshwater aquatic life criteria for metals from the equations in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, for waters with a hardness of 400 mg/L or less as calcium carbonate, the actual ambient hardness of the surface water shall be used in those equations.”
[emphasis added]

The State Water Board, in footnote 19 to Water Quality Order No. 2004-0013, stated: *“We note that...the Regional Water Board...applied a variable hardness value whereby effluent limitations will vary depending on the actual, current hardness values in the receiving water. We recommend that the Regional Water Board establish either fixed or seasonal effluent limitations for metals, as provided in the SIP, rather than ‘floating’ effluent limitations.”*

Effluent limitations for the discharge must be set to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving water for all discharge conditions. In the absence of the option of including condition-dependent, “floating” effluent limitations that are reflective of actual conditions at the time of discharge, effluent limitations must be set using a reasonable worst-case condition in order to protect beneficial uses for all discharge conditions. For purposes of establishing water quality-based effluent limitations, a reported hardness value of 35 mg/L as CaCO₃ was used.

- c. **Assimilative Capacity/Mixing Zone.** As the discharge being covered is essentially the creek being discharged back to the streambed from the impoundments, there is no assimilative capacity or mixing zone to be utilized.

3. Determining the Need for WQBELs

- a. CWA section 301 (b)(1) requires NPDES permits to include effluent limitations that achieve technology-based standards and any more stringent limitations necessary to meet water quality standards. Water quality standards include Regional Water Board Basin Plan beneficial uses and narrative and numeric water quality objectives, State Water Board-adopted standards, and federal standards, including the CTR and NTR. The Basin Plan includes numeric site-specific water quality objectives and narrative objectives for toxicity, chemical constituents, and tastes and odors. The narrative toxicity objective states: *“All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in human, plant, animal, or aquatic life.”* (Basin Plan at III-8.00.) With regards to the narrative chemical constituents objective, the Basin Plan states that waters shall not contain chemical constituents in concentrations that adversely affect beneficial uses. At minimum, *“...water designated for use as domestic or municipal supply (MUN) shall not contain concentrations of chemical constituents in excess of the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs)”* in Title 22 of CCR. The narrative tastes and odors objective states: *“Water shall not contain taste- or odor-producing substances in concentrations that impart undesirable tastes or odors to domestic or municipal water supplies or to fish flesh or other edible products of aquatic origin, or that cause nuisance, or otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.”*
- b. Federal regulations require effluent limitations for all pollutants that are or may be discharged at a level that will cause or have the reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to an in-stream excursion above a narrative or numerical water quality standard. Based on information submitted as part of the application, in studies, and as directed by monitoring and reporting programs, the Regional Water Board finds that the discharge has a reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an in-stream excursion above a water quality standard for copper. Water quality-based effluent limitations (WQBELs) for these constituents are included in this Order. A summary of the reasonable potential analysis (RPA) is provided in Table F-2, and a detailed discussion of the RPA for each constituent is provided below.
- c. The Regional Water Board conducted the RPA in accordance with Section 1.3 of the SIP. Although the SIP applies directly to the control of CTR priority pollutants, the State Water Board has held that the Regional Water Board may use the SIP as guidance for water quality-based toxics control.¹ The SIP states in the introduction *“The goal of this Policy is to establish a standardized approach*

¹ See, Order WQO 2001-16 (Napa) and Order WQO 2004-0013 (Yuba City)

for permitting discharges of toxic pollutants to non-ocean surface waters in a manner that promotes statewide consistency.” Therefore, in this Order the RPA procedures from the SIP were used to evaluate reasonable potential for both CTR and non-CTR constituents.

- d. WQBELs were calculated in accordance with section 1.4 of the SIP, as described in Attachment F, Section IV.C.4.
- e.

**Table F-3.
RPA Summary for Detected Constituents
Discharges 001-004**

Parameter	Units	MEC ¹	99 th MEC ¹	WQO/ WQC ²	Source	RP ³
Copper	µg/L	4	4.3	3.2/4.3	CTR CCC/CMC	Y
Mercury	µg/L	0.02	0.02	0.05	CTR HH	N
Nickel	µg/L	5	5	19/170	CTR CCC/CMC	N
Zinc	µg/L	42	48	150	CTR CCC/CMC	N
Barium	µg/L	64	78	1000	California Primary MCL	N
Iron	µg/L	190	230	300	California Secondary MCL	N
Manganese	µg/L	9.8	11	50	California Secondary MCL	N
Chloride	mg/L	13	39	106	Water Quality for Agriculture	N
Nitrate	mg/L	0.76	0.98	10	California Primary MCL	N
Sulfate	mg/L	12	60	250	California Secondary MCL	N
Electrical Conductivity	umhos/cm	100	135	700	Water Quality for Agriculture	N
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	96	118	450	Water Quality for Agriculture	N

1. MEC: maximum effluent concentration. 99th MEC: maximum predicted effluent concentration using 99th percentile multiplier, note that multiplier is equal to “1” when applying CTR criteria.
2. WQO: water quality objective. WQC: water quality criteria.
3. Reasonable potential.
4. Indeterminate, inadequate information to establish limitations. See discussion below.
5. Reasonable potential found due to use of salt at the facility.

f. **Copper.** The CTR includes hardness-dependent criteria for the protection of freshwater aquatic life for copper. The criteria for copper are presented in dissolved concentrations. USEPA recommends conversion factors to translate dissolved concentrations to total concentrations. The USEPA default conversion factors for copper in freshwater are 0.96 for both the acute and the chronic criteria. Using the worst-case measured hardness from the effluent and receiving water (35 mg/L as CaCO₃) and the USEPA recommended dissolved-to-total translator, the applicable chronic criterion (maximum four-day average concentration) is 3.2 9 µg/L and the applicable acute criterion (maximum one-hour average concentration) is 4.3 µg/L, as total recoverable.

The MEC for total copper was 4 µg/L, based on 19 samples collected between September 2000 and November 2008, while the maximum observed upstream receiving water total copper concentration was 1.5 µg/L, based on 19 samples

collected between September 2000 and November 2008. Therefore, the discharge has a reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an in-stream excursion above the CTR criteria for copper. No dilution is allowed due to periods of no flow in the receiving water. A MDEL for total copper of 6.2 µg/L is included in this Order based on CTR criteria for the protection of freshwater aquatic life (See Attachment F, Table F-4 for WQBEL calculations). Based on the sample results in the effluent, it appears the Discharger can meet these new limitations.

- g. **Perchlorate.** Perchlorate has a State of California Primary MCL of 6 µg/L. Although sampling of the discharges from Outfalls 001, 002, 003, and 004 have never detected perchlorate (Reporting Level of 4 µg/L), Buffalo Creek, upgradient of the retention basins at former sampling point S-1, occasionally detected perchlorate in the 4-8 µg/L. Thus, there is a potential for perchlorate to be in the discharge from the Facility. Since there is no dilution available in Buffalo Creek, the MDEL is established at 6 µg/L.
- h. **pH.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective for surface waters (except for Goose Lake) that the "...pH shall not be depressed below 6.5 nor raised above 8.5. Changes in normal ambient pH levels shall not exceed 0.5 in fresh waters with designated COLD or WARM beneficial uses." Effluent Limitations for pH are included in this Order based on the Basin Plan objectives for pH.
- i. **Settleable Solids.** For inland surface waters, the Basin Plan states that "[w]ater shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that causes nuisance or adversely affects beneficial uses." This Order contains average monthly and average daily effluent limitations for settleable solids.

Because the amount of settleable solids is measured in terms of volume per volume without a mass component, it is impracticable to calculate mass limitations for inclusion in this Order. A daily maximum effluent limitation for settleable solids is included in the Order, in lieu of a weekly average, as the discharge is intermittent and infrequent.
- j. **Temperature.** The Thermal Plan requires that, "*The maximum temperature shall not exceed the natural receiving water temperature by more than 20°F.*" Therefore, to ensure compliance with the Thermal Plan an effluent limitation for temperature is included in this Order.
- k. **Toxicity.** See Section IV.C.5. of the Fact Sheet regarding whole effluent toxicity.

4. WQBEL Calculations

- a. Effluent limitations for copper was calculated in accordance with section 1.4 of the SIP. The following paragraphs describe the methodology used for calculating effluent limitations.

- b. **Effluent Limitation Calculations.** In calculating maximum effluent limitations, the effluent concentration allowances were set equal to the criteria/standards/objectives.

$$ECA_{acute} = CMC \qquad ECA_{chronic} = CCC$$

For the human health, agriculture, or other long-term criterion/objective, a dilution credit can be applied. The ECA is calculated as follows:

$$ECA_{HH} = HH + D(HH - B)$$

where:

ECA_{acute} = effluent concentration allowance for acute (one-hour average) toxicity criterion

$ECA_{chronic}$ = effluent concentration allowance for chronic (four-day average) toxicity criterion

ECA_{HH} = effluent concentration allowance for human health, agriculture, or other long-term criterion/objective

CMC = criteria maximum concentration (one-hour average)

CCC = criteria continuous concentration (four-day average, unless otherwise noted)

HH = human health, agriculture, or other long-term criterion/objective

D = dilution credit

B = maximum receiving water concentration

Acute and chronic toxicity ECAs were then converted to equivalent long-term averages (LTA) using statistical multipliers and the lowest is used. Additional statistical multipliers were then used to calculate the maximum daily effluent limitation (MDEL) and the average monthly effluent limitation (AMEL).

Human health ECAs are set equal to the AMEL and a statistical multiplier is used to calculate the MDEL.

$$AMEL = mult_{AMEL} \left[\min \left(\overbrace{M_A ECA_{acute}, M_C ECA_{chronic}}^{LTA_{acute}} \right) \right]$$

$$MDEL = mult_{MDEL} \left[\min \left(M_A ECA_{acute}, \underbrace{M_C ECA_{chronic}}_{LTA_{chronic}} \right) \right]$$

$$MDEL_{HH} = \left(\frac{mult_{MDEL}}{mult_{AMEL}} \right) AMEL_{HH}$$

where: $mult_{AMEL}$ = statistical multiplier converting minimum LTA to AMEL
 $mult_{MDEL}$ = statistical multiplier converting minimum LTA to MDEL

M_A = statistical multiplier converting CMC to LTA
 M_C = statistical multiplier converting CCC to LTA

Water quality-based effluent limitations were calculated for copper as follows in Table F-4, below.

**Table F-4
WQBEL Calculations for Copper**

	Acute	Chronic
Criteria, dissolved ($\mu\text{g/L}$) ⁽¹⁾	5.0	3.7
Dilution Credit	No Dilution	No Dilution
Translator ⁽²⁾	0.96	0.96
ECA, total recoverable ⁽³⁾	5.2	3.9
ECA Multiplier ⁽⁴⁾	0.64	0.80
LTA	3.3	3.1
AMEL Multiplier (95 th %) ⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	1.2	1.23
AMEL ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	4.0	3.8
MDEL Multiplier (99 th %) ⁽⁷⁾	1.55	1.55
MDEL ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	6.2	5.9

- ⁽¹⁾ CTR aquatic life criteria, based on a hardness of 35 mg/L as CaCO₃.
- ⁽²⁾ EPA Translator used as default.
- ⁽³⁾ ECA calculated per section 1.4.B, Step 2 of SIP. This allows for the consideration of dilution.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Acute and Chronic ECA Multiplier calculated at 99th percentile per section 1.4.B, Step 3 of SIP or per sections 5.4.1 and 5.5.4 of the TSD.
- ⁽⁵⁾ Assumes sampling frequency n=>4.
- ⁽⁶⁾ The probability basis for AMEL is 95th percentile per section 1.4.B, Step 5 of SIP or section 5.5.4 of the TSD.
- ⁽⁷⁾ The probability basis for MDEL is 99th percentile per section 1.4.B, Step 5 of SIP or section 5.5.4 of the TSD.

**Summary of Water Quality-based Effluent Limitations
Discharge Point 001, 002, 003 AND 004**

Table F-5. Summary of Water Quality-based Effluent Limitations

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations				
		Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Maximum Daily	Instantaneous Minimum	Instantaneous Maximum
Copper	$\mu\text{g/L}$	NA	NA	6.2	NA	NA
Perchlorate	$\mu\text{g/L}$	NA	NA	6.0	NA	NA

5. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET)

For compliance with the Basin Plan’s narrative toxicity objective, this Order requires the Discharger to conduct whole effluent toxicity testing for acute and chronic toxicity, as specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment E, Section V.). This Order also contains effluent limitations for acute toxicity and requires the Discharger to implement best management practices to investigate the causes of, and identify corrective actions to reduce or eliminate effluent toxicity.

- a. **Acute Aquatic Toxicity.** The Basin Plan contains a narrative toxicity objective that states, “*All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in human, plant, animal, or aquatic life.*” (Basin Plan at III-8.00) The Basin Plan also states that, “*...effluent limits based upon acute biotoxicity tests of effluents will be prescribed where appropriate...*”. USEPA Region 9 provided guidance for the development of acute toxicity effluent limitations in the absence of numeric water quality objectives for toxicity in its document titled "Guidance for NPDES Permit Issuance", dated February 1994. In section B.2. "Toxicity Requirements" (pgs. 14-15) it states that, "*In the absence of specific numeric water quality objectives for acute and chronic toxicity, the narrative criterion 'no toxics in toxic amounts' applies. Achievement of the narrative criterion, as applied herein, means that ambient waters shall not demonstrate for acute toxicity: 1) less than 90% survival, 50% of the time, based on the monthly median, or 2) less than 70% survival, 10% of the time, based on any monthly median. For chronic toxicity, ambient waters shall not demonstrate a test result of greater than 1 TUc.*" Accordingly, effluent limitations for acute toxicity have been included in this Order as follows:

Acute Toxicity. Survival of aquatic organisms in 96-hour bioassays of undiluted waste shall be no less than:

Minimum for any one bioassays -----	70%
Median for any three or more consecutive bioassays -----	90%

- b. **Chronic Aquatic Toxicity.** The Basin Plan contains a narrative toxicity objective that states, “*All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in human, plant, animal, or aquatic life.*” (Basin Plan at III-8.00) Adequate WET data is not available to determine if the discharge has reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an in-stream excursion above of the Basin Plan’s narrative toxicity objective. Attachment E of this Order requires annual chronic WET monitoring for demonstration of compliance with the narrative toxicity objective.

In addition to WET monitoring, Special Provisions VI.C.2.a. requires the Discharger to submit to the Regional Water Board an Initial Investigative TRE Work Plan for approval by the Executive Officer, to ensure the Discharger has a

plan to immediately move forward with the initial tiers of a TRE, in the event effluent toxicity is encountered in the future. The provision also includes a numeric toxicity monitoring trigger and requirements for accelerated monitoring, as well as, requirements for TRE initiation if a pattern of toxicity is demonstrated.

D. Final Effluent Limitations

1. Mass-based Effluent Limitations – Not Applicable.

Title 40 CFR 122.45(f)(1) requires effluent limitations be expressed in terms of mass, with some exceptions, and 40 CFR 122.45(f)(2) allows pollutants that are limited in terms of mass to additionally be limited in terms of other units of measurement. As this permit is a discharge primarily of stormwater, the flow varies seasonally and is dependent on the strength and duration of storm events. Therefore, this Order does not include effluent limitations expressed in terms of mass and only in terms of concentration. In addition, pursuant to the exceptions to mass limitations provided in 40 CFR 122.45(f)(1), some effluent limitations are not expressed in terms of mass, such as pH and temperature, and when the applicable standards are expressed in terms of concentration (e.g. CTR criteria and MCLs) and mass limitations are not necessary to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving water.

2. Averaging Periods for Effluent Limitations – Not Applicable.

As these discharges are intermittent and have varied from zero to four times in a month over the last five years, averaging periods are not practicable and limitations are based on a daily maximums.

3. Satisfaction of Anti-Backsliding Requirements.

All effluent limitations in this Order are at least as stringent as the effluent limitations in the previous Order. However, due to the changes in the discharges that are allowed under this Order, monitoring for certain constituents has been reduced or eliminated. As an example, under the previous order the Discharger was allowed to discharge process waters from liquid rocket testing operations. Those types of discharges no longer are permitted and the monitoring of constituents associated with those discharges, such as NDMA and hydrazine, is not required. In addition, the frequency of sampling Buffalo Creek upstream of the retention basins is reduced due to the cessation of those rocket-testing discharges. These changes are consistent with the antidegradation provisions of 40 CFR 131.12 and State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 68-16. Any impact on existing water quality will be insignificant.

4. Satisfaction of Antidegradation Policy

The permitted discharge is consistent with the antidegradation provisions of 40 CFR 131.12 and State Water Board Resolution 68-16. Compliance with these requirements will result in the use of best practicable treatment or control of the discharge. The impact on existing water quality will be insignificant.

**Summary of Final Effluent Limitations
Discharge Point <Discharge Point Name>**

Table F-6. Summary of Final Effluent Limitations

Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations					Basis
		Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Maximum Daily	Instantaneous Minimum	Instantaneous Maximum	
Copper	mg/L	NA	NA	0.0062	NA		
	lbs/day	NA	NA	NA	NA		
Perchlorate	mg/L	NA	NA	0.006	NA		
	lbs/day	NA	NA	NA	NA		

E. Interim Effluent Limitations – Not Applicable

F. Land Discharge Specifications – Not Applicable

G. Reclamation Specifications – Not Applicable

V. RATIONALE FOR RECEIVING WATER LIMITATIONS

Basin Plan water quality objectives to protect the beneficial uses of surface water and groundwater include numeric objectives and narrative objectives, including objectives for chemical constituents, toxicity, and tastes and odors. The toxicity objective requires that surface water and groundwater be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in humans, plants, animals, or aquatic life. The chemical constituent objective requires that surface water and groundwater shall not contain chemical constituents in concentrations that adversely affect any beneficial use or that exceed the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) in Title 22, CCR. The tastes and odors objective states that surface water and groundwater shall not contain taste- or odor-producing substances in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses. The Basin Plan requires the application of the most stringent objective necessary to ensure that surface water and groundwater do not contain chemical constituents, toxic substances, radionuclides, or taste and odor producing substances in concentrations that adversely affect domestic drinking water supply, agricultural supply, or any other beneficial use.

A. Surface Water

1. CWA section 303(a-c), requires states to adopt water quality standards, including criteria where they are necessary to protect beneficial uses. The Regional Water Board adopted water quality criteria as water quality objectives in the Basin Plan. The Basin Plan states that “[t]he numerical and narrative water quality objectives define the least stringent standards that the Regional Board will apply to regional waters in order to protect the beneficial uses.” The Basin Plan includes numeric and

narrative water quality objectives for various beneficial uses and water bodies. This Order contains Receiving Surface Water Limitations based on the Basin Plan numerical and narrative water quality objectives for biostimulatory substances, chemical constituents, color, dissolved oxygen, floating material, oil and grease, pH, pesticides, radioactivity, salinity, sediment, settleable material, suspended material, tastes and odors, temperature, toxicity, turbidity, and electrical conductivity.

Numeric Basin Plan objectives for dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, and turbidity are applicable to this discharge and have been incorporated as Receiving Surface Water Limitations. Rational for these numeric receiving surface water limitations are as follows:

- a. **Ammonia.** The Basin Plan states that, “[w]aters shall not contain un-ionized ammonia in amounts which adversely affect beneficial uses. In no case shall the discharge of wastes cause concentrations of un-ionized ammonia (NH_3) to exceed 0.025 mg/l (as N) in receiving waters.”
- b. **Bacteria.** As this is not a discharge of treated human waste, Numeric Receiving Water Limitations for bacteria are not included in this Order.
- c. **Biostimulatory Substances.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[W]ater shall not contain biostimulatory substances which promote aquatic growths in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.” Receiving Water Limitations for biostimulatory substances are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.
- d. **Color.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[W]ater shall be free of discoloration that causes nuisance or adversely affects beneficial uses.” Receiving Water Limitations for color are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.
- e. **Chemical Constituents.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[W]aters shall not contain chemical constituents in concentrations that adversely affect beneficial uses.” Receiving Water Limitations for chemical constituents are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.
- f. **Dissolved Oxygen.** Buffalo Creek, via the tributary rule, has been designated as having the beneficial use of cold freshwater aquatic habitat (COLD). For water bodies designated as having COLD as a beneficial use, the Basin Plan includes a water quality objective of maintaining a minimum of 7.0 mg/L of dissolved oxygen. Since the beneficial use of COLD does apply to the Buffalo Creek, a receiving water limitation of 7.0 mg/L for dissolved oxygen was included in this Order.
- g. **Floating Material.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[W]ater shall not contain floating material in amounts that cause nuisance or adversely

affect beneficial uses.” Receiving Water Limitations for floating material are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.

- h. **Oil and Grease.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[W]aters shall not contain oils, greases, waxes, or other materials in concentrations that cause nuisance, result in a visible film or coating on the surface of the water or on objects in the water, or otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.” Receiving Water Limitations for oil and grease are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.
- i. **pH.** The Basin Plan includes water quality objective that “[T]he pH shall not be depressed below 6.5 nor raised above 8.5. Changes in normal ambient pH levels shall not exceed 0.5 in fresh waters with designated COLD or WARM beneficial uses.” This Order includes receiving water limitations for both pH range and pH change.

The Basin Plan allows an appropriate averaging period for pH change in the receiving stream. Since there is no technical information available that indicates that aquatic organisms are adversely affected by shifts in pH within the 6.5 to 8.5 range, an averaging period is considered appropriate and a monthly averaging period for determining compliance with the 0.5 receiving water pH limitation is included in this Order.

- j. **Pesticides.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective for pesticides beginning on page III-6.00. Receiving Water Limitations for pesticides are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.
- k. **Radioactivity.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[R]adionuclides shall not be present in concentrations that are harmful to human, plant, animal or aquatic life nor that result in the accumulation of radionuclides in the food web to an extent that presents a hazard to human, plant, animal or aquatic life.” The Basin Plan states further that “[A]t a minimum, waters designated for use as domestic or municipal supply (MUN) shall not contain concentrations of radionuclides in excess of the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) specified in Table 4 (MCL Radioactivity) of Section 64443 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations...” Receiving Water Limitations for radioactivity are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.
- l. **Sediment.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[T]he suspended sediment load and suspended sediment discharge rate of surface waters shall not be altered in such a manner as to cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses” Receiving Water Limitations for suspended sediments are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.
- m. **Settleable Material.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[W]aters shall not contain substances in concentrations that result in the deposition of material that causes nuisance or adversely affects beneficial uses.”

Receiving Water Limitations for settleable material are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.

- n. **Suspended Material.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[W]aters shall not contain suspended material in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses.” Receiving Water Limitations for suspended material are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.
- o. **Taste and Odors.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[W]ater shall not contain taste- or odor-producing substances in concentrations that impart undesirable tastes or odors to domestic or municipal water supplies or to fish flesh or other edible products of aquatic origin, or that cause nuisance, or otherwise adversely affect beneficial uses.” Receiving Water Limitations for taste- or odor-producing substances are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.
- Temperature.** Buffalo Creek has the beneficial uses of both COLD and WARM. The Basin Plan includes the objective that “[a]t no time or place shall the temperature of COLD or WARM intrastate waters be increased more than 5°F above natural receiving water temperature.” This Order includes a receiving water limitation based on this objective.
- p. **Toxicity.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[A]ll waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in human, plant, animal, or aquatic life.” Receiving Water Limitations for toxicity are included in this Order and are based on the Basin Plan objective.
- q. **Turbidity.** The Basin Plan includes a water quality objective that “[I]ncreases in turbidity attributable to controllable water quality factors shall not exceed the following limits:
- Where natural turbidity is between 0 and 5 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs), increases shall not exceed 1 NTU.
 - Where natural turbidity is between 5 and 50 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 20 percent.
 - Where natural turbidity is between 50 and 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 NTUs.
 - Where natural turbidity is greater than 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 percent.”

A numeric Receiving Surface Water Limitation for turbidity is included in this Order and is based on the Basin Plan objective for turbidity.

B. Groundwater

1. The beneficial uses of the underlying ground water are municipal and domestic supply, industrial service supply, industrial process supply, and agricultural supply.
2. Basin Plan water quality objectives include narrative objectives for chemical constituents, tastes and odors, and toxicity of groundwater. The toxicity objective requires that groundwater be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in humans, plants, animals, or aquatic life. The chemical constituent objective states groundwater shall not contain chemical constituents in concentrations that adversely affect any beneficial use. The tastes and odors objective prohibits taste- or odor-producing substances in concentrations that cause nuisance or adversely affect beneficial uses. The Basin Plan also establishes numerical water quality objectives for chemical constituents and radioactivity in groundwaters designated as municipal supply. These include, at a minimum, compliance with MCLs in Title 22 of the CCR. The bacteria objective prohibits coliform organisms at or above 2.2 MPN/100 ml. The Basin Plan requires the application of the most stringent objective necessary to ensure that waters do not contain chemical constituents, toxic substances, radionuclides, taste- or odor-producing substances, or bacteria in concentrations that adversely affect municipal or domestic supply, agricultural supply, industrial supply or some other beneficial use.
3. Groundwater limitations are required to protect the beneficial uses of the underlying groundwater.

VI. RATIONALE FOR MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Section 122.48 requires that all NPDES permits specify requirements for recording and reporting monitoring results. Water Code sections 13267 and 13383 authorizes the Regional Water Board to require technical and monitoring reports. The Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP), Attachment E of this Order, establishes monitoring and reporting requirements to implement federal and state requirements. The following provides the rationale for the monitoring and reporting requirements contained in the MRP for this facility.

A. Influent Monitoring – Not Applicable.

As there is no treatment system for these discharges, there is no influent to be monitored.

B. Effluent Monitoring

1. Pursuant to the requirements of 40 CFR §122.44(i)(2) effluent monitoring is required for all constituents with effluent limitations. Effluent monitoring is necessary to assess compliance with effluent limitations, assess the effectiveness of the

treatment process, and to assess the impacts of the discharge on the receiving stream..

2. The SIP states that if “...all reported detection limits of the pollutant in the effluent are greater than or equal to the C [water quality criterion or objective] value, the RWQCB [Regional Water Board] shall establish interim requirements...that require additional monitoring for the pollutant...” Monitoring for these constituents has been included in this Order in accordance with the SIP.

C. Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Requirements

1. **Acute Toxicity.** Monthly 96-hour bioassay testing is required to demonstrate compliance with the effluent limitation for acute toxicity.
2. **Chronic Toxicity.** Chronic whole effluent toxicity testing once per 5 years is required in order to demonstrate compliance with the Basin Plan’s narrative toxicity objective.

D. Receiving Water Monitoring

1. Surface Water

- a. Receiving water monitoring is necessary to assess compliance with receiving water limitations and to assess the impacts of the discharge on the receiving stream.

2. Groundwater – Not Applicable

E. Other Monitoring Requirements – Not Applicable

VII. RATIONALE FOR PROVISIONS

A. Standard Provisions

Standard Provisions, which apply to all NPDES permits in accordance with section 122.41, and additional conditions applicable to specified categories of permits in accordance with section 122.42, are provided in Attachment D. The discharger must comply with all standard provisions and with those additional conditions that are applicable under section 122.42.

Section 122.41(a)(1) and (b) through (n) establish conditions that apply to all State-issued NPDES permits. These conditions must be incorporated into the permits either expressly or by reference. If incorporated by reference, a specific citation to the regulations must be included in the Order. Section 123.25(a)(12) allows the state to omit or modify conditions to impose more stringent requirements. In accordance with section 123.25, this Order omits federal conditions that address enforcement authority

specified in sections 122.41(j)(5) and (k)(2) because the enforcement authority under the Water Code is more stringent. In lieu of these conditions, this Order incorporates by reference Water Code section 13387(e).

B. Special Provisions

1. Reopener Provisions

- a. **Pollution Prevention.** – Not Applicable.
- b. **Whole Effluent Toxicity.** This Order requires the Discharger to investigate the causes of, and identify corrective actions to reduce or eliminate effluent toxicity through a Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE). This Order may be reopened to include a numeric chronic toxicity limitation, a new acute toxicity limitation, and/or a limitation for a specific toxicant identified in the TRE. Additionally, if a numeric chronic toxicity water quality objective is adopted by the State Water Board, this Order may be reopened to include a numeric chronic toxicity limitation based on that objective.
- c. **Water Effects Ratio (WER) and Metal Translators.** A default WER of 1.0 has been used in this Order for calculating CTR criteria for applicable priority pollutant inorganic constituents. In addition, default dissolved-to-total metal translators have been used to convert water quality objectives from dissolved to total recoverable when developing effluent limitations for copper. If the Discharger performs studies to determine site-specific WERs and/or site-specific dissolved-to-total metal translators, this Order may be reopened to modify the effluent limitations for the applicable inorganic constituents.

2. Special Studies and Additional Monitoring Requirements

- a. **Chronic Whole Effluent Toxicity Requirements.** The Basin Plan contains a narrative toxicity objective that states, “*All waters shall be maintained free of toxic substances in concentrations that produce detrimental physiological responses in human, plant, animal, or aquatic life.*” (Basin Plan at III-8.00.) Based on whole effluent chronic toxicity testing performed by the Discharger from 2001 through 2007, the discharge has not shown a reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an in-stream excursion above of the Basin Plan’s narrative toxicity objective.

In addition to WET monitoring, this provision requires the Discharger to submit to the Regional Water Board an Initial Investigative TRE Work Plan for approval by the Executive Officer, to ensure the Discharger has a plan to immediately move forward with the initial tiers of a TRE, in the event effluent toxicity is encountered in the future. The provision also includes a numeric toxicity monitoring trigger and requirements for accelerated monitoring, as well as, requirements for TRE initiation if a pattern of toxicity is demonstrated.

Monitoring Trigger. A numeric toxicity monitoring trigger of > 1 TUc (where TUc = 100/NOEC) is applied in the provision, because this Order does not allow any dilution for the chronic condition. Therefore, a TRE is triggered when the effluent exhibits a pattern of toxicity at 100% effluent.

Accelerated Monitoring. The provision requires accelerated WET testing when a regular WET test result exceeds the monitoring trigger. The purpose of accelerated monitoring is to determine, in an expedient manner, whether there is a pattern of toxicity before requiring the implementation of a TRE. Due to possible seasonality of the toxicity, the accelerated monitoring should be performed in a timely manner, preferably taking no more than 2 to 3 months to complete.

The provision requires accelerated monitoring consisting of four chronic toxicity tests every two weeks using the species that exhibited toxicity. Guidance regarding accelerated monitoring and TRE initiation is provided in the *Technical Support Document for Water Quality-based Toxics Control, EPA/505/2-90-001, March 1991* (TSD). The TSD at page 118 states, "EPA recommends if toxicity is repeatedly or periodically present at levels above effluent limits more than 20 percent of the time, a TRE should be required." Therefore, four accelerated monitoring tests are required in this provision. If no toxicity is demonstrated in the four accelerated tests, then it demonstrates that toxicity is not present at levels above the monitoring trigger more than 20 percent of the time (only 1 of 5 tests are toxic, including the initial test). However, notwithstanding the accelerated monitoring results, if there is adequate evidence of a pattern of effluent toxicity (i.e. toxicity present exceeding the monitoring trigger more than 20 percent of the time), the Executive Officer may require that the Discharger initiate a TRE.

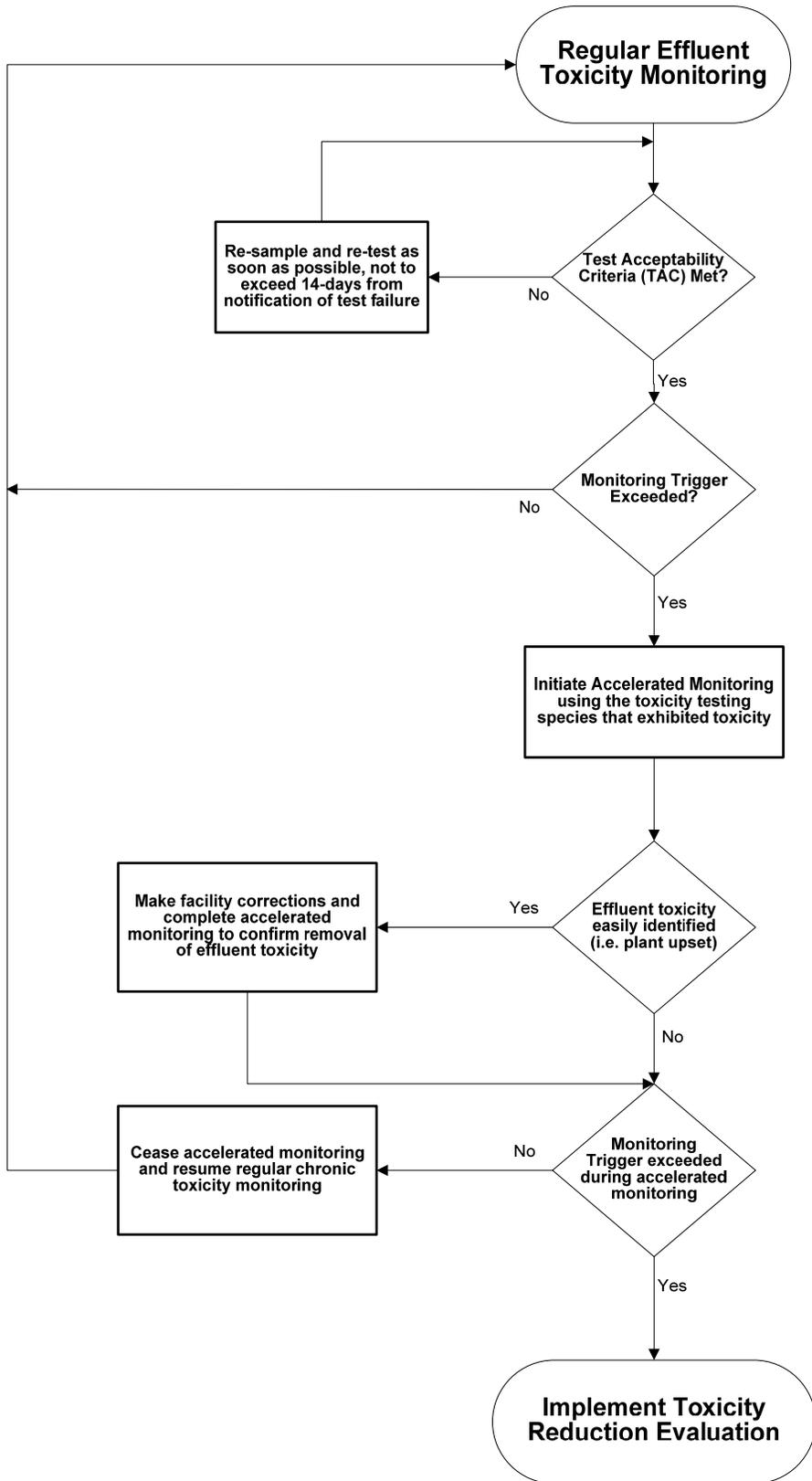
See the WET Accelerated Monitoring Flow Chart (Figure F-X), below, for further clarification of the accelerated monitoring requirements and for the decision points for determining the need for TRE initiation.

TRE Guidance. The Discharger is required to prepare a TRE Work Plan in accordance with USEPA guidance. Numerous guidance documents are available, as identified below:

- *Toxicity Reduction Evaluation Guidance for Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants*, (EPA/833B-99/002), August 1999.
- *Generalized Methodology for Conducting Industrial TREs*, (EPA/600/2-88/070), April 1989.
- *Methods for Aquatic Toxicity Identification Evaluations: Phase I Toxicity Characterization Procedures*, Second Edition, EPA 600/6-91/005F, February 1991.

- *Toxicity Identification Evaluation: Characterization of Chronically Toxic Effluents, Phase I*, EPA 600/6-91/005F, May 1992.
- *Methods for Aquatic Toxicity Identification Evaluations: Phase II Toxicity Identification Procedures for Samples Exhibiting acute and Chronic Toxicity*, Second Edition, EPA 600/R-92/080, September 1993.
- *Methods for Aquatic Toxicity Identification Evaluations: Phase III Toxicity Confirmation Procedures for Samples Exhibiting Acute and Chronic Toxicity*, Second Edition, EPA 600/R-92/081, September 1993.
- *Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater and Marine Organisms*, Fifth Edition, EPA-821-R-02-012, October 2002.
- *Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms*, Fourth Edition, EPA-821-R-02-013, October 2002.
- *Technical Support Document for Water Quality-based Toxics Control*, EPA/505/2-90-001, March 1991

Figure F-3
WET Accelerated Monitoring Flow Chart



c. **Groundwater Monitoring (Special Provisions VI.C.2.d.).** Not Applicable.

3. Best Management Practices and Pollution Prevention

a. **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).** A Stormwater Pollution Prevent Plan is required is required in this Order.

b. **CWC section 13263.3(d)(3) Pollution Prevention Plans.** Not applicable.

4. Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Specifications – Not Applicable

5. Special Provisions for Municipal Facilities - Not Applicable

6. Other Special Provisions – Not Applicable

7. Compliance Schedules – Not Applicable

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Water Board) is considering the issuance of waste discharge requirements (WDRs) that will serve as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Aerojet Facility. As a step in the WDR adoption process, the Regional Water Board staff has developed tentative WDRs. The Regional Water Board encourages public participation in the WDR adoption process.

A. Notification of Interested Parties

The Regional Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe waste discharge requirements for the discharge and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written comments and recommendations. Notification was provided through the mailing of the tentative permit to interested parties, posting the tentative on the Regional Water Board website and posting a Public Notice at the City of Rancho Cordova City Hall.

B. Written Comments

The staff determinations are tentative. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning these tentative WDRs. Comments must be submitted either in person or by mail to the Executive Office at the Regional Water Board at the address above on the cover page of this Order.

To be fully responded to by staff and considered by the Regional Water Board, written comments should be received at the Regional Water Board offices by 5:00 p.m. on **<Date>**.

C. Public Hearing

The Regional Water Board will hold a public hearing on the tentative WDRs during its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: 31 July 2008
Time: 8:30 am
Location: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
11020 Sun Center Dr., Suite #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will hear testimony, if any, pertinent to the discharge, WDRs, and permit. Oral testimony will be heard; however, for accuracy of the record, important testimony should be in writing.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our Web address is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/> where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations.

D. Waste Discharge Requirements Petitions

Any aggrieved person may petition the State Water Resources Control Board to review the decision of the Regional Water Board regarding the final WDRs. The petition must be submitted within 30 days of the Regional Water Board's action to the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board
Office of Chief Counsel
P.O. Box 100, 1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

E. Information and Copying

The Report of Waste Discharge (RWD), related documents, tentative effluent limitations and special provisions, comments received, and other information are on file and may be inspected at the address above at any time between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copying of documents may be arranged through the Regional Water Board by calling 916-464-4625.

F. Register of Interested Persons

Any person interested in being placed on the mailing list for information regarding the WDRs and NPDES permit should contact the Regional Water Board, reference this facility, and provide a name, address, and phone number.

G. Additional Information

Requests for additional information or questions regarding this order should be directed to Alexander MacDonald at (916) 464-4625.