

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 72-45

WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN
FOR
OCEAN WATERS OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS:

1. The Board finds it necessary to promulgate water quality objectives and effluent quality requirements to govern the disposal of waste into the coastal waters of California;
2. The Board, after extensive review and analysis of testimony received at public hearings, has determined that protection of beneficial uses of the ocean waters of the State will require maximum practicable control of waste substances which may unreasonably impair those uses;
3. The Board finds that maximum practicable control of waste can be achieved through a comprehensive program which combines source control of waste and modern waste treatment technology;
4. The Board believes that application of current technology through intelligent design of control systems rather than irrational specification of arbitrary treatment methods can provide the highest degree of water quality protection without unreasonable cost;
5. The Board intends to implement monitoring programs to determine compliance with water quality objectives and effluent quality requirements, and to yield other information such as the effectiveness of source control programs and the identification of any short-term or long-term degradation of marine biota;
6. The Board intends to review all available data from time to time to determine the efficacy of control programs for protecting water quality;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. The Board hereby adopts the "WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR OCEAN WATERS OF CALIFORNIA"
2. The Board hereby directs all affected California Regional Water Quality Control Boards to implement the provisions of the PLAN.
3. The Board hereby directs its Executive Officer to issue guidelines for monitoring the effects of waste discharges to the ocean at the earliest possible date.

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4. The Board hereby declares its intent to determine from time to time the need for revising the PLAN to assure that it reflects current knowledge of water quality objectives necessary to protect beneficial uses of ocean waters and that it is based on latest technological improvements.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Executive Officer of the State Water Resources Control Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on July 6, 1972.

Bill B. Dendy
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Executive Officer