

ITEM: XX

SUBJECT: Amendment of General Order for Limited Threat Discharges of Treated/Untreated Groundwater from Cleanup Sites, Wastewater from Superchlorination Projects, and Other Limited Threat Wastewaters to Surface Water

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Order Amending Order R5-2008-0082*

BACKGROUND: On 12 June 2008, the Central Valley Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2008-0082 (NPDES No. CAG995002) for Limited Threat Discharges of Treated/Untreated Groundwater from Cleanup Sites, Wastewater from Superchlorination Projects, and Other Limited Threat Wastewaters to Surface Water, also referred to as the Limited Threat General Order. This General Order provides regulatory coverage for non-domestic wastewater discharged to surface water that, through treatment, is able to consistently comply with water quality criteria, and therefore deemed a limited threat to water quality.

The existing Limited Threat General Order requires annual acute toxicity testing and annual chronic toxicity testing. Annual toxicity testing is typically more frequent than required for other NPDES surface water discharges. Additionally, annual frequency of toxicity testing is not necessary to detect toxicity from a limited threat discharge that meets the criteria of the General Order.

The proposed Order amends the Limited Threat General Order to require acute and chronic toxicity testing once per permit term (5 years) unless otherwise directed by the Executive Officer in the issued Notice of Applicability authorizing coverage under the General Order.

The proposed General Order amendment was issued for a 30-day public review and comment period. No public comments contesting the proposed action were received. The Board received a comment letter from the East Bay Municipal Utilities District supporting the proposed action.

ISSUES: None

Mgmt. Review _____
Legal Review _____

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