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Chairman Charlie R. Hoppin
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Dear Chairman Hoppin,

The Clean Water Act called for the phase-out of "once-through cooling" almost four decades ago. I appreciate your past efforts to develop a state policy that would protect California's ecosystems from OTC. However, the recent major changes to the latest draft of the OTC policy meet neither the letter nor the intent of the Clean Water Act to phase out these antiquated, inefficient, environmentally harmful cooling systems.

I urge the State Water Board to reject recently-proposed OTC policy amendments that move the state away from a path to phase out once-through cooling systems.

Sincerely,

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