

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING MAY 14, 2004

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ITEM NUMBER: 20

SUBJECT: Enforcement Report

The System for Water Information Management (SWIM) Compliance Module (database created by the State and Regional Boards) tracks violations and enforcement actions. The Compliance Module has been revised to include enhancements for tracking associated Administrative Civil Liabilities.

Any violation that is listed as "Y" for "Yes" in "Significant Violation" column, as well as being listed as an "NPDES" in the "Program Type" column, is in the process of being issued a complaint for Mandatory Minimum Penalties. Nonsignificant violations may also be triggering a complaint, but it is not possible to determine all of those cases from just reviewing this report. We track those violations on a six-month period and follow up with complaints as appropriate.

The attached report covers the period January 1, 2004 through February 29, 2004. During this time period, 53 dischargers had 98 violations resulting in 37 enforcement actions that were entered into SWIM. In some cases a facility will have multiple violations that led to a single enforcement action. Violations normally include effluent limit violations resulting from monitoring report reviews, violations resulting from compliance inspections, missing and late reports and sewer overflows. Enforcement actions range from verbal communications by staff to formal actions adopted by the Regional Board.

US Penitentiary –Lompoc, pH violations in January 2004

[SWIM Violation Seq # 166006] The U.S. Penitentiary / Lompoc Correctional Facility experienced sixteen pH violations from 1/5/04

through 1/20/04, due to the failure of their boiler brine concrete storage basin. This facility upset was reported to the Board in the Enforcement Report for the March 19, 2004 meeting, in which staff noted violations had occurred through January 20. The failure caused the stored boiler brine to discharge to their wastewater treatment ponds. The repair of the brine basin has allowed the ponds to recover. On March 23, 2004, staff confirmed consistent compliance was achieved from January 20 onward. Staff will further discuss this issue with the Discharger during the next inspection, and is recommending no formal enforcement action at this time.

**City of Santa Barbara, February 25, 2004
Sanitary Sewer Overflow**

[SWIM Violation Seq # 166263] On February 25, 2004, the City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department suffered a 3,600-gallon sewage spill from the 700 block of Spring Street to the Pacific Ocean. High inflow/infiltration (I&I) during an intense rain event is suspected of causing the overflow. The City has voluntarily completed an I&I study (staff requested a copy on March 22, 2004), which reportedly confirmed the spill location as problematic.

According to City staff, Phase I of a collection system flow model is now underway, with preliminary data anticipated in approximately six months. Phase I will include the 700 block of Spring Street. The City suspects high inflows, particularly from privately-owned laterals, and is drafting a proposed ordinance to require lateral inspection during property transfers.

Two similar incidents occurred on March 15, 2003, one from the same location (6,000 gallons), and another at Harbor Way and Marina 1 and 2 (2,500 gallons). The renewal of the City's NPDES permit is scheduled for the Board's consideration at the October 22, 2004 meeting. Staff will continue to monitor this issue, and is recommending no further action at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Attached is a table of violations and enforcement actions for information only. The Board may direct staff to initiate additional action as appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Enforcement Report
2. Glossary of Abbreviations

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