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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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## NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

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**WATER QUALITY ORDER 2003-0003-DWQ, STATEWIDE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND WITH A LOW THREAT TO WATER QUALITY, CRIMSON PIPELINE, LLC, PIPELINE PROJECT - HYDROSTATIC TEST DISCHARGE, KERN COUNTY**

Crimson Pipeline, LLC submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) on 5 September 2017, to obtain coverage under Water Quality Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality* (hereafter General Order) for discharges of hydrostatic test water from its Crimson Pipeline Project near Taft in Kern County. The NOI included a site map and a Discharger Monitoring Plan.

The submittals contain all the information required to evaluate the applicability of the General Order; therefore, the NOI is complete. Based on the information provided in the NOI, the discharge meets the conditions of the General Order. The discharge is hereby covered under **General Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ-0179**. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

### PROJECT LOCATION

The discharge will be to an unlined containment basin on property owned by Crimson Pipeline, LLC, at 1050 N. Lincoln Street just north of Taft in Kern County, in Section 1, Township 32 South, Range 23 East MDB&M. This portion of Kern County is within the Tulare Lake Basin.

The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Second Edition*, revised July 2016 (hereafter Basin Plan), designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation programs and policies to achieve water quality objectives for all waters of the Basin.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Crimson Pipeline, LLC (hereafter Discharger), submitted a NOI to discharge approximately 150,000 gallons of hydrostatic test water, from testing of an unused crude oil pipeline, to an unlined containment basin. The containment basin is approximately 200 feet long by 150 feet wide and 15 feet deep with a storage capacity of about three million gallons.

Water for the test will be provided by the West Kern Water District. According to the Discharge Monitoring Plan, the hydrostatic test water will be treated using a transportable treatment unit with carbon and basket filtration, to remove potential contaminants. The treated water will be temporarily stored in baker tanks for testing prior to discharge. Samples of the treated hydrostatic test water will be analyzed for constituents of concern including electrical conductivity (EC), Title 22 metals, total petroleum hydrocarbons (as crude oil), and volatile organic compounds including benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes (or BTEX).

The General Order and this Notice of Applicability (NOA) regulate the discharge of treated hydrostatic test water to an unlined containment basin on the Discharger's property at 1050 N. Lincoln Street just north of Taft in Kern County.

## **FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

1. Hydrostatic test waters shall be disposed of as described in the NOI and in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order.
2. Discharge of hydrostatic test water at a location or in a manner different from that described in the NOI is prohibited.
3. Prior to initiating the discharge, samples of the treated water shall be collected and analyzed for constituents of concern including electrical conductivity (EC), Title 22 metals, total petroleum hydrocarbons (as crude oil), and volatile organic compounds including BTEX to ensure a proper level of treatment by the treatment unit.
4. The discharge shall be monitored daily by an on-site technician. If evidence of contaminants are observed in the discharge (i.e., oily sheen, odors, or excessive solids), the discharge shall be halted and the hydrostatic test water retested.
5. All technical reports required herein that involve evaluation, 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, section 6735, 7835, and 7835.1. 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.
6. Analytical results shall be submitted on a semi-annual basis in accordance the General Order's Monitoring and Reporting Program.
7. The Discharger shall submit the required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing statement issued by the State Water Resources Control Board) until this NOA is officially terminated.

8. Failure to abide by the conditions of the General Order, including its monitoring and reporting requirements, and this letter authorizing applicability could result in enforcement actions, as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code.

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Program: Non-15, Place ID: 240670, Facility Name: Crimson Pipeline, Hydrostatic Test  
Discharge, Enrollee Number: 2003-0003-DWQ-0179.

If you have any questions regarding this NOA, please contact Katie Carpenter at (559) 445-5551 or by email at [kcarpenter@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kcarpenter@waterboards.ca.gov).



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Executive Officer

Enclosures: Water Quality Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ

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