

**MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SPILLS
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Consistent with the reporting provisions of State Water Resources Control Board Order No. WQ 2008-0002- EXEC, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems, the Monitoring and Reporting Programs for all publicly owned treatment works in the Los Angeles Region, have been revised.

The revised reporting requirements are necessary to ensure proper compliance with waste discharge requirements and to collect needed information, pursuant to Water Code sections 13267 and 13383, regarding discharges of sewage or other waste that could affect the quality of waters of the state.

The revised language is provided below:

1. In accordance with the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 5411.5, the discharger shall provide notification to the local health officer or the director of environmental health with jurisdiction over the affected water body of any unauthorized release of sewage or other waste that causes, or probably will cause, a discharge to any waters of the state.

2. In accordance with the requirements of Water Code section 13271, the discharger shall provide notification to the Office of Emergency Services of the release of reportable amounts of hazardous substances or sewage that causes, or probably will cause, a discharge to any waters of the state. The California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 2250, defines a reportable amount of sewage as being 1,000 gallons. The phone number for reporting these releases to the Office of Emergency Services is (800) 852-7550.

*3. The discharger shall notify the Regional Water Quality Control Board of any unauthorized release of sewage from its wastewater treatment plant that causes, or probably will cause, a discharge to a water of the state as soon as possible, but not later than **two (2)** hours after becoming aware of the release. This notification does not need to be made if the discharger has notified the Office of Emergency Services. The phone number for reporting these releases of sewage to the Regional Water Quality Control Board is (213) 576-6657. At a minimum, the following information shall be provided:*

(a) The location, date, and time of the release.

(b) The water body that received or will receive the discharge.

(c) An estimate of the amount of sewage or other waste released and the amount that reached a surface water at the time of notification.

(d) If ongoing, the estimated flow rate of the release at the time of the notification.

(e) The name, organization, phone number and email address of the reporting representative.

*4. As soon as possible, but **not later than twenty four (24) hours** after becoming aware of an unauthorized discharge of sewage or other waste from its wastewater treatment plant to a water of the state, the discharger shall submit a statement to the Regional Water Quality Control Board by email at aanijelo@waterboards.ca.gov If the discharge is 1,000 gallons or more, this statement shall certify that the State Office of Emergency Services has been notified of the discharge in accordance with Water Code section 13271. The statement shall also certify that the local health officer or director of environmental health with jurisdiction over the affected water bodies has been notified of the discharge in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 5411.5. The statement shall also include at a minimum the following information:*

(a) Agency, NPDES No., Order No., and MRP CI No., if applicable.

(b) The location, date, and time of the discharge.

(c) The water body that received the discharge.

(d) A description of the level of treatment of the sewage or other waste discharged.

(e) An initial estimate of the amount of sewage or other waste released and the amount that reached a surface water.

(f) The Office of Emergency Services control number and the date and time that notification of the incident was provided to the Office of Emergency Services.

(g) The name of the local health officer or director of environmental health representative notified (if contacted directly); the date and time of notification; and the method of notification (e.g., phone, fax, email)."

Should there be any conflict between the existing reporting requirements contained in the MRP or corresponding orders and this modification, the modification will prevail. All other provisions of your MRP remain in full force and effect.