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4. US EPA Industrial General Permit Enforcement

In collaboration with USEPA staff, Santa Ana Water Board staff targeted a number of industrial facilities located within the impaired San Diego Creek watershed, more specifically, with direct storm water discharges to Newport Bay. These facilities are currently regulated under the Statewide Stormwater Industrial General Permit and are primarily engaged in the building and repairing of boats. Santa Ana Water Board staff and USEPA staff jointly conducted compliance inspections of several boatyards in the area and collected storm water samples. Based on the inspection findings and sample results, two facilities were deemed in violation with the Clean Water Act for discharging pollutants via storm water discharges into Newport Bay and for failing to comply with the Industrial General Permit. Balboa Boatyard and Basin Marine entered settlement agreements with USEPA to resolve the violations. Balboa Boatyard's monetary penalty totaled \$59,908 and Basin Marine's monetary penalty totaled \$142,224.

More details are available in USEPA's Press Release: Newport Bay boat yards to pay penalties over violations of Clean Water Act | U.S. EPA News Release

And the California Water News Daily reported the story.

<u>EPA fines Newport Bay boat yards for Clean Water Act violations – California Water News Daily</u>