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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DRAFT STATEWIDE GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR RESIDUAL PESTICIDE DISCHARGES TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM VECTOR CONTROL APPLICATIONS (VECTOR CONTROL PERMIT)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public hearing to accept comments on the proposed Vector Control Permit for residual pesticide discharges from vector control applications. A quorum of the Board may be present; however, no State Water Board action will be taken. The location and time of the hearing are provided below.

October 19, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.
Joe Serna Jr./Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

BACKGROUND

The Vector Control Permit for larvicides ([Order No. 2004-0008-DWQ](#)) expired on May 20, 2009, but remains in effect until a new General Permit is adopted. Order No. 2004-0008-DWQ does not cover spray applications of pesticides to control adult mosquitoes.

The proposed Vector Control Permit has been prepared in response to the *National Cotton Council of America v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* decision by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals which requires that pesticide applications at, near, or over water must be covered by an NPDES permit if it will result in a discharge of residual pesticides to surface waters.

In November 2009, State Water Board staff posted the preliminary Draft Adulticides Permit, which covers spray applications of pesticides to control adult mosquitoes, on the State Water Board's website. Staff did not receive any comments. In February 2010, the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California requested that the draft Adulticides Permit be combined with the requirements of Order No. 2004-0008-DWQ. Thus, the proposed Vector Control Permit covers both larvicide and adulticide applications.

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed Vector Control Permit is available to view or download on the State Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/aquatic.shtml

Alternatively, you may receive a paper copy in the mail by contacting Lydia Deller at (916) 341-5506.

For information regarding future public notices or status of the proposed Vector Control Permit, please sign up for the "Pesticide Vector Control" electronic mailing list at the State Water Board's Lyris List website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board is interested in receiving comments regarding all aspects of the proposed Vector Control Permit. Oral comments can be made during the public hearing. Written comments must be received by **12:00 noon on November 2, 2010**, and addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comment letters may be submitted to the Clerk to the Board via email at: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please indicate in the subject line: "**Comment Letter – Draft Vector Control Permit.**"

Couriers delivering comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5602.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The hearing will be informal. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of participants, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions. Participants are encouraged to submit written comments prior to the hearing. At the hearing, participants will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement their written materials with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient process in which all participants have an opportunity to participate, oral presentations may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, go to:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

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Please note: All visitors to the Joe Serna Jr./Cal/EPA Building are required to sign in and receive a badge at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance before proceeding to the Coastal Hearing Room on the 2nd floor.

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HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1 800-735-2929; voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

Questions regarding the proposed Vector Control Permit should be directed to Trinh Pham at (916) 327-8117 or email at tpham@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 27, 2010

Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board