

5/4/10 Board Meeting
Once Through Cooling
Deadline: 4/13/10 by 12 noon

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Chairman Charlie R. Hoppin
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Dear Chairman Hoppin,

The Clean Water Act called for the phase-out of this destructive practice almost four decades ago. We appreciate your past efforts to develop a state policy that would protect California's ecosystems from OTC. However, the recent, major changes to the latest draft of the OTC policy meet neither the letter nor the intent of the Clean Water Act to phase out these antiquated, inefficient, environmentally harmful cooling systems.

I urge the State Water Board to reject recently-proposed OTC policy amendments that move the state away from a path to phase out once-through cooling systems. The OTC policy needs to be strengthened significantly to reinforce the state's commitment to ensuring that these facilities adopt the "best technology available" based on swift, certain time frames.

A protective OTC policy that meets the letter and intent of the law is essential to maintain these ongoing investments in healthy ecosystems. Please reject proposed amendments that move us backwards from this goal.

Sincerely,

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