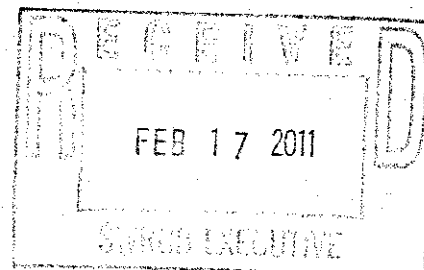


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Dear Ms. Townsend,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board's "Bacteria Objectives for Waters Designated for Contact Recreation in Marine and Estuarine Waters of the San Francisco Bay Region." We are pleased to express our support for the new Enterococcus objectives for the Water Contact Recreation beneficial use in marine and estuarine waters in Region 2. These objectives include: a geometric mean of less than 35 MPN/100 ml; and a "no sample greater than" value of 104 MPN/100 ml. These objectives are consistent with U.S. EPA's BEACH Act of 2000, and U.S. EPA's November 2004 implementing regulations entitled, "Water Quality Standards for Coastal and Great Lakes Recreational Waters" at 40 CFR Part 131.41.

We expect implementation to be consistent with meeting the proposed objectives. We are pleased to support the package, and urge its adoption. If you have any questions, please e-mail or call me at 415 972-3480.

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