



# Bay Area Clean Water Agencies

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San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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**Subject: BACWA 2008 Mercury Watershed Permit Group Report for NPDES Permit No CA0038849**

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

Enclosed you will find the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) 2008 Mercury Watershed Permit Group Report. This is the first annual report under the Mercury Watershed permit which implements the Mercury TMDL. This group report includes a summary narrative of the data and information submitted by participating agencies, as well as a calculated annual mercury mass emission for all municipal entities that are indicated in Table 6 of the mercury watershed permit. Agencies participating in the BACWA group report are as follows:

- American Canyon, City of
- Benicia, City of
- Calistoga, City of
- Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
- Central Marin Sanitation Agency
- Delta Diablo Sanitation District
- East Bay Dischargers Authority
- East Bay Municipal Utilities District
- Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District
- Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
- Marin County (Paradise Cove), Sanitary District No. 5
- Marin County (Tiburon), Sanitary District No. 5
- Millbrae, City of
- Mt. View Sanitary District
- Napa Sanitation District
- Novato Sanitary District
- Palo Alto, City of
- Petaluma, City of
- Pinole, City of
- Saint Helena, City of
- San Francisco, City and County of, SF Int'l Airport (sanitary plant)
- San Francisco (Southeast Plant), City and County of
- San Jose/Santa Clara, Cities of
- San Mateo, City of
- Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District
- Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin
- Sonoma Valley County Sanitary District
- South Bayside System Authority
- South San Francisco and San Bruno, Cities of
- Sunnyvale, City of
- US Naval Support Activity, Treasure Island
- Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District
- West County Agency
- Yountville, Town of

Completed forms for participating agencies are included in Appendix A. The report is being submitted in both a hard copy and electronic format.

The permittees in the BACWA group have opted to submit their annual report through the BACWA group, according to Section IV.C. in Attachment E of the mercury watershed permit (page E-7). As indicated in the permit, this group reporting is an alternative to the individual reporting indicated in section IV.B.2.b. of Attachment E. The attached report also covers the requirement under Attachment E. IV C 2, Report on Mercury Reduction Efforts.

On March 1, 2009 BACWA submitted two other reports required by the Mercury Watershed Permit, these were a progress report for the risk reduction communication program required under section V.C.4 and a report on special studies required under section V.C.3.a. With the combination of the attached report and the two reports submitted on March 1, 2009, BACWA has fulfilled the four reporting requirements of the watershed permit; the effluent reporting, the pollution prevention (mercury reduction efforts) reporting; the risk reduction and the special studies reporting.

BACWA members own and operate publicly-owned treatment works (POTWs) that discharge to San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. Collectively, BACWA members serve over 6.5 million people in the nine-county Bay Area, treating domestic, commercial and industrial wastewater. BACWA was formed to develop a region-wide understanding of the watershed protection and enhancement needs through reliance on sound technical, scientific, environmental and economic information and to ensure that this understanding leads to long-term stewardship of the San Francisco Bay Estuary. BACWA member agencies are public agencies, governed by elected officials and managed by professionals who are dedicated to protecting our water environment and the public health.

BACWA appreciates the opportunity to submit this group report. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



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