

# **NPDES Permits in Region 2: How to Engage in the Process**

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# What is the Process?

1. Submit ROWD
  - Forms
  - Chronic toxicity screening results
  - "13267" sampling results – effluent and ambient
  - Preliminary RPA (optional)
  - Other information, such as antidegradation analysis, dilution study, and/or NFAA for blending
2. Kick-off Meeting
3. Review/Check RPA
4. Review and comment on Administrative Draft

# Process, continued

5. Review and comment on Tentative Order
6. Review revised Tentative Order in Board package (one week before adoption)
7. Prepare for Board Hearing
8. Attend Board Hearing
9. Initiate compliance tracking system –  
chronological and/or graphical
  - Routine reports
  - Special study reports
  - Other activities

**San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board NPDES Wastewater Permit Issuance/Reissuance Schedule--Updated September 2010**

NPDES Permit Number	Category	Order Number	Permittee	NPDES Permit Reissuance					U.S. EPA Contractor Support Schedule					
				RWB Staff Assigned	Expiration Date	Target Adoption	Staff Case Review	Support Requested by RWB	Teleconf/Kick-Off w/ RWB	Contractor Provides RPA & Limits	Contractor Provides Draft Permit	Comments		
CA0110116	MAJOR	R2-2010-0001	US NAVY TREASURE ISLAND		2/28/2015	Adopted/ Jan-10								
CA0006165	MAJOR	R2-2010-0058	RHODIA INC, Martinez Plant		4/30/2015	Adopted/ Mar-10								
CA0037702	MAJOR	R2-2010-0060	EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DIST, WPCP		4/30/2015	Adopted/ Mar-10								
CA0038893	MINOR	R2-2010-0059	SEAFIRTH ESTATES CO. & OWNERS, OTP			Recolnded/ Mar-10								
CA0038121	MINOR	R2-2010-0072	YOUNTVILLE, TOWN OF		6/30/2015	Adopted/ May-10								
CA0029904	MINOR	R2-2010-0073	CROCKETT COGENERATION		6/30/2015	Adopted/ May-10								
CA0037958	MAJOR	R2-2010-0074	NOVATO SANITARY DISTRICT		6/30/2015	Adopted/ May-10								
CA0004961	MAJOR	R2-2010-0084	Tesoro Corp.		6/30/2015	Adopted/ June-10								
CA0036277	MINOR	R2-2010-0081	CALIFORNIA ABALONE COMPANY			Recolnded/ June-10								
CA0005185	MINOR	R2-2010-0081	MORTON INTERNATIONAL			Recolnded/ June-10								
CA0029106	MINOR	R2-2010-0095	GWFP POWER SYSTEMS COMPANY, INC, Site I		8/31/2015	Adopted/ July-10								
CA0029122	MINOR	R2-2010-0095	GWFP POWER SYSTEMS COMPANY, INC, Site V		8/31/2015	Adopted/ July-10								
CA0038733	MINOR	R2-2010-0097	UNION SANITARY DISTRICT, wet weather		8/31/2015	Adopted/ July-10								
CA0030198	MINOR	R2-2010-0082	EXPLORATORIUM		9/30/2015	Adopted/ June-10								
CA0037966	MINOR	R2-2006-0066	CALISTOGA, CITY OF, WWTP		11/1/2015	Adopted/ Sept-10								
CA0038016	MINOR	R2-2005-0025	ST HELENA, CITY OF		11/1/2015	Adopted/ Sept-10								
CA0030112	MINOR	R2-2005-0040	KOBE PRECISION INC			Recolnded/ Sept-10								
CA0037770	MAJOR	R2-2006-0063	MT. VIEW SANITARY DIST, WWTP	HO	5/17/2010	Nov-10		provided						
CA0038806	MINOR	R2-2004-0079	EAST BROS. LIGHT STATION, Inc.	JM	11/30/2009	Nov-10		provided						Preparing WDRs, not NPDES permit
CA0030121	MINOR	R2-2005-0039	BAY SHIP & YACHT COMPANY	DW	10/31/2010	Dec-10		provided						
CA0037810	MAJOR	R2-2005-0058	FETALUMA, CITY OF	VAC	10/20/2010	Jan-11		provided						
CA0037575	MAJOR	R2-2005-0008	NAPA SANITATION DISTRICT	TY	3/31/2010	Jan-11		provided						
CA0005053	MAJOR	R2-2005-0030	ConocoPhillips	JM	8/31/2010	Mar-11		yes				6-Oct-10		
CA0037427	MINOR	R2-2006-0037	MARIN COUNTY SD #5, Paradise Cove WWTP	RS	6/30/2011	Mar-11		yes		20-Sep-10		29-Oct-10		Moved up from May, then back to March
CA0038679	MINOR	R2-2006-0026	LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY, Interim, Wet Weather	HO	6/8/2011	Apr-11	4/1/2010	no						
CA0005321	MINOR	R2-2006-0014	BAE Systems SF Ship Repair	DW	4/30/2011	Apr-11	4/1/2010	yes	17-Sep-10	1-Oct-10		10-Nov-10		
CA0038768	MAJOR	R2-2006-0036	AMERICAN CANYON, CITY OF, WWTP&RP	TY	6/30/2011	May-11	5/1/2010	yes	15-Oct-10	29-Oct-10		15-Dec-10		
CA0005134	MAJOR	R2-2006-0035	CHEVRON PRODUCTS COMPANY, Richmond Refinery	RS	6/13/2011	Jun-11	6/13/2010	yes	17-Nov-10	3-Dec-10		19-Jan-11		
CA0038636	MINOR	R2-2006-0031	EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DIST, Hayward Marsh	JM	5/9/2011	Jul-11	5/9/2010	yes	24-Dec-10	14-Jan-10		23-Feb-11		Contractor support requested
CA0005002	MAJOR	R2-2006-0029	USS-POSCO INDUSTRIES, Pittsburg Plant	VAC	6/30/2011	Jul-11	6/30/2010	yes	15-Oct-10	29-Oct-10		15-Dec-10		Contractor support requested
CA0038776	MAJOR	R2-2006-0067	PACIFICA, CITY OF, Calera Creek WRP	DW	10/31/2011	Aug-11	8/1/2010	yes	28-Jan-11	11-Feb-11		23-Mar-11		Contractor support needed
CA0037737	MAJOR	R2-2006-0068	NORTH SAN MATEO COUNTY SD, WWTP	TY	11/30/2011	Sep-11	9/1/2010	yes	4-Mar-11	18-Mar-11		27-Apr-11		Contractor support needed
CA0038831	MAJOR	R2-2006-0049	CALTRANS, Devil's Slide Tunneling	BT	9/30/2011	Sep-11	9/1/2010	yes	4-Mar-11	18-Mar-11		27-Apr-11		Contractor support needed
CA0037699	MAJOR	R2-2006-0056	VALLEJO SANITATION AND FLOOD CONTROL	JM	9/30/2011	Nov-11	9/30/2010	yes	29-Apr-11	13-May-11		22-Jun-11		Contractor support needed
CA0005789	MAJOR	R2-2006-0070	SHELL OIL CO., Martinez Refinery	RS	10/31/2011	Dec-11	10/31/2010	yes	27-May-11	10-Jun-11		20-Jul-11		Contractor support needed
CA0037826	MAJOR	R2-2006-0062	RODEO SANITARY DISTRICT	DW	11/30/2011	Dec-11	11/30/2010	yes	27-May-11	10-Jun-11		20-Jul-11		Contractor support needed
CA0037869	MAJOR	R2-2006-0053	EAST BAY DISCHARGERS AUTHORITY, Joint Outfall	HO	9/30/2011	Jan-12	9/30/2010	yes	9-Mar-11	30-Mar-11		25-May-11		Delayed to match other EBDA dischargers. Contractor support needed
CA0037613	MAJOR	R2-2006-0054	DUBLIN SAN RAMON & LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY	HO	9/30/2011	Jan-12	9/30/2010	yes	9-Mar-11	30-Mar-11		25-May-11		Delayed to match other EBDA dischargers. Contractor support needed
CA0038008	MAJOR	R2-2006-0055	LIVERMORE, LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY WMA	HO	9/30/2011	Jan-12	9/30/2010	yes	9-Mar-11	30-Mar-11		25-May-11		Contractor support needed

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Click on "NPDES Wastewater Permits Issuance/Reissuance Schedule" (under "Announcements")

# Other Regional Permit Actions

- **Mercury Watershed Permit**
  - Effective March 1, 2008
  - Amendment to add PCBs being developed
- **Attachment G Permit Amendment**  
*for dioxin compliance, standard provisions*
  - Effective March 1, 2010
- **Copper and Cyanide Permit Amendment**  
*to implement Cu and CN site-specific objectives*
  - Effective April 1, 2010
- **Attachment H Permit Amendment**  
*to reduce pretreatment reporting*
  - Expected within next 6-8 months

# Tips for Success

- Understand schedule for permit adoption process
- Think ahead about who in your agency should engage
- Recognize that you might not have much time to review an RPA or an admin draft – be ready
- Read your draft permit, make sure you understand it and ask questions
- Permits are long documents -- read the draft permit in chunks to make it manageable

# More Tips

- Be prepared to quickly conduct special analyses during the permit renewal process, if necessary:

*Examples:*

- Modifications to dilution study
- Translator analysis
- Salinity analysis
- Data quality analysis

# Still More Tips

- If your permit isn't on the consent calendar, use testimony to highlight positive aspects of your agency
- Remember – you need to have a good working relationship with Regional Water Board staff beyond permit renewal

## *During Permit Term:*

- Be sure to keep track of deadlines in your permit
- Be sure to check data quality regularly



