San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Sent via email to Mary Cousins (mcousins@bacwa.org)

Subject: Sampling, Analysis, and Reporting Protocols using EPA Method 1668C for Order R2-2022-0038, NPDES Permit CA0038849

This letter acknowledges that dischargers subject to Order R2-2022-0038 (Order) should follow the attached *POTW PCBs Sampling, Analysis & Reporting Protocols using EPA Method 1668C* (Bay Area Clean Water Agencies, October 2024). The Bay Area Clean Water Agencies revised these protocols in collaboration with Regional Water Board staff to provide guidance when sampling, analyzing, and reporting PCBs using EPA Method 1668C. Significant changes include the following:

1. Incorporating contemporary laboratory practices, including those implementing the 2016 TNI-2 Standard;
2. Removing references to EPA Method 1669 for PCBs sampling;
3. Updating references to the current Order and its terminology; and
4. Specifying to report the Method Detection Limit or Estimated Detection Limit, whichever is greater, when the analyte is not detected in the sample.

If you have any questions, or if we can help you address issues with the protocols, please feel free to contact Debbie Phan at 510-622-2411 or debbie.phan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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