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**TO:** All Dischargers Subject to State Water Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ  
(Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer  
Systems)

**FROM:**   
Dorothy Rice  
Executive Director

**DATE:** February 20, 2008

**SUBJECT:** AMENDMENT OF MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
ORDER NO. 2006-0003-DWQ

Please be advised that, as of this date, I have amended the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for State Water Board General Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ pertaining to Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems. Those amendments are set forth on Attachment A to Order No. WQ 2008-0002-EXEC, a copy of which is attached. The amendments address the time within which a discharger must notify the Office of Emergency Services (OES), local public health officials, and the appropriate regional water quality control board of a spill or overflow that affects a drainage channel or surface water body.

The requirements that have been in effect until today allowed too much time to pass before a report. Further the required report did not apprise the local regional water quality control board of whether the Office of Emergency Services had already received its required notice. The attached amendments add two notification requirements to rectify these problems.

Should you have any questions about these amendments, please contact Eric Maag, Water Resources Control Engineer, at (916) 445-9260.

Attachment

cc: Executive Officers

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

**ORDER NO. WQ 2008-0002-EXEC**

ADOPTING AMENDED MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SANITARY SEWER  
SYSTEMS

The State of California, Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) finds:


1. The State Water Board is authorized to prescribe statewide general waste discharge requirements for categories of discharges that involve the same or similar operations and the same or similar types of waste pursuant to Water Code 13263, subdivision (i).
2. The State Water Board on May 2, 2006, adopted Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems, Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, pursuant to that authority.
3. The State Water Board on May 2, 2006, adopted Monitoring and Reporting Requirements to implement the General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems.
4. State Water Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, paragraph G.2., and the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements, both provide that the Executive Director may modify the terms of the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements at any time.
5. The time allowed in those Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for the filing of the initial report of an overflow is too long to adequately protect the public health and safety or the beneficial uses of the waters of the state when there is a sewage collection system spill. An additional notification requirement is necessary and appropriate to ensure the Office of Emergency Services, local public health officials, and the applicable regional water quality control board are apprised of a spill that reaches a drainage channel or surface water.
6. Further, the burden of providing a notification as soon as possible is de minimis and will allow response agencies to take action as soon as possible to protect public health and safety and beneficial uses of the waters of the state.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Pursuant to the authority delegated by Resolution No. 2002-0104 and Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems No. 2006-0003-DWQ is hereby amended as shown in Attachment A, with new text indicated by double-underline.

Dated:

February 20, 2008

  
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Dorothy Rice  
Executive Director

## ATTACHMENT A

### STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 2006-0003-DWQ (AS REVISED BY ORDER NO. WQ 2008-0002-EXEC)

#### STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS

This Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) establishes monitoring, record keeping, reporting and public notification requirements for Order No. 2006-2003-DWQ, "Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems." Revisions to this MRP may be made at any time by the Executive Director, and may include a reduction or increase in the monitoring and reporting.

#### **NOTIFICATION**

Although State and Regional Water Board staff do not have duties as first responders, this Monitoring and Reporting Program is an appropriate mechanism to ensure that the agencies that do have first responder duties are notified in a timely manner in order to protect public health and beneficial uses.

1. For any discharges of sewage that results in a discharge to a drainage channel or a surface water, the Discharger shall, as soon as possible, but not later than two (2) hours after becoming aware of the discharge, notify the State Office of Emergency Services, the local health officer or directors of environmental health with jurisdiction over affected water bodies, and the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board.
2. As soon as possible, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after becoming aware of a discharge to a drainage channel or a surface water, the Discharger shall submit to the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board a certification that the State Office of Emergency Services and the local health officer or directors of environmental health with jurisdiction over the affected water bodies have been notified of the discharge.

#### **A. SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW REPORTING**

##### **SSO Categories**

1. Category 1 - All discharges of sewage resulting from a failure in the Enrollee's sanitary sewer system that:
  - A. Equal or exceed 1000 gallons, or
  - B. Result in a discharge to a drainage channel and/or surface water; or
  - C. Discharge to a storm drainpipe that was not fully captured and returned to the sanitary sewer system.

2. Category 2 – All other discharges of sewage resulting from a failure in the Enrollee's sanitary sewer system.
3. Private Lateral Sewage Discharges – Sewage discharges that are caused by blockages or other problems within a privately owned lateral.

### **SSO Reporting Timeframes**

4. Category 1 SSOs – Except as provided above, all SSOs that meet the above criteria for Category 1 SSOs must be reported as soon as: (1) the Enrollee has knowledge of the discharge, (2) reporting is possible, and (3) reporting can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures. Initial reporting of Category 1 SSOs must be reported to the Online SSO System as soon as possible but no later than 3 business days after the Enrollee is made aware of the SSO. Minimum information that must be contained in the 3-day report must include all information identified in section 9 below, except for item 9.K. A final certified report must be completed through the Online SSO System, within 15 calendar days of the conclusion of SSO response and remediation. Additional information may be added to the certified report, in the form of an attachment, at any time.

The above reporting requirements are in addition to do not preclude other emergency notification requirements and timeframes mandated by other regulatory agencies (local County Health Officers, local Director of Environmental Health, Regional Water Boards, or Office of Emergency Services (OES)) or State law.

5. Category 2 SSOs – All SSOs that meet the above criteria for Category 2 SSOs must be reported to the Online SSO Database within 30 days after the end of the calendar month in which the SSO occurs (e.g. all SSOs occurring in the month of January must be entered into the database by March 1st).
6. Private Lateral Sewage Discharges – All sewage discharges that meet the above criteria for Private Lateral sewage discharges may be reported to the Online SSO Database based upon the Enrollee's discretion. If a Private Lateral sewage discharge is recorded in the SSO Database, the Enrollee must identify the sewage discharge as occurring and caused by a private lateral, and a responsible party (other than the Enrollee) should be identified, if known.
7. If there are no SSOs during the calendar month, the Enrollee will provide, within 30 days after the end of each calendar month, a statement through the Online SSO Database certifying that there were no SSOs for the designated month.
8. In the event that the SSO Online Database is not available, the enrollee must fax all required information to the appropriate Regional Water Board office in

accordance with the time schedules identified above. In such event, the Enrollee must also enter all required information into the Online SSO Database as soon as practical.

### **Mandatory Information to be Included in SSO Online Reporting**

All Enrollees must obtain SSO Database accounts and receive a "Username" and "Password" by registering through the California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS). These accounts will allow controlled and secure entry into the SSO Database. Additionally, within thirty (30) days of receiving an account and prior to recording SSOs into the SSO Database, all Enrollees must complete the "Collection System Questionnaire", which collects pertinent information regarding an Enrollee's collection system. The "Collection System Questionnaire" must be updated at least every 12 months.

At a minimum, the following mandatory information must be included prior to finalizing and certifying an SSO report for each category of SSO:

#### 9. Category 2 SSOs:

- A. Location of SSO by entering GPS coordinates;
- B. Applicable Regional Water Board, i.e. identify the region in which the SSO occurred;
- C. County where SSO occurred;
- D. Whether or not the SSO entered a drainage channel and/or surface water;
- E. Whether or not the SSO was discharged to a storm drain pipe that was not fully captured and returned to the sanitary sewer system;
- F. Estimated SSO volume in gallons;
- G. SSO source (manhole, cleanout, etc.);
- H. SSO cause (mainline blockage, roots, etc.);
- I. Time of SSO notification or discovery;
- J. Estimated operator arrival time;
- K. SSO destination;
- L. Estimated SSO end time; and
- M. SSO Certification. Upon SSO Certification, the SSO Database will issue a Final SSO Identification (ID) Number.

#### 10. Private Lateral Sewage Discharges:

- A. All information listed above (if applicable and known), as well as;
- B. Identification of sewage discharge as a private lateral sewage discharge; and
- C. Responsible party contact information (if known).

### 11. Category 1 SSOs:

- A. All information listed for Category 2 SSOs, as well as;
- B. Estimated SSO volume that reached surface water, drainage channel, or not recovered from a storm drain;
- C. Estimated SSO amount recovered;
- D. Response and corrective action taken;
- E. If samples were taken, identify which regulatory agencies received sample results (if applicable). If no samples were taken, NA must be selected.
- F. Parameters that samples were analyzed for (if applicable);
- G. Identification of whether or not health warnings were posted;
- H. Beaches impacted (if applicable). If no beach was impacted, NA must be selected;
- I. Whether or not there is an ongoing investigation;
- J. Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the overflow and a schedule of major milestones for those steps;
- K. OES control number (if applicable);
- L. Date OES was called (if applicable);
- M. Time OES was called (if applicable);
- N. Identification of whether or not County Health Officers were called;
- O. Date County Health Officer was called (if applicable); and
- P. Time County Health Officer was called (if applicable).

### **Reporting to Other Regulatory Agencies**

These reporting requirements do not preclude an Enrollee from reporting SSOs to other regulatory agencies pursuant California state law. These reporting requirements do not replace other Regional Water Board telephone reporting requirements for SSOs.

1. The Enrollee shall report SSOs to OES, in accordance with California Water Code Section 13271.

Office of Emergency Services  
Phone (800) 852-7550

2. The Enrollee shall report SSOs to County Health officials in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 5410 et seq.
3. The SSO database will automatically generate an e-mail notification with customized information about the SSO upon initial reporting of the SSO and final certification for all Category 1 SSOs. E-mails will be sent to the appropriate County Health Officer and/or Environmental Health Department if the county desires this information, and the appropriate Regional Water Board.

## B. Record Keeping

1. Individual SSO records shall be maintained by the Enrollee for a minimum of five years from the date of the SSO. This period may be extended when requested by a Regional Water Board Executive Officer.

[2. Omitted.]

3. All records shall be made available for review upon State or Regional Water Board staff's request.
4. All monitoring instruments and devices that are used by the Enrollee to fulfill the prescribed monitoring and reporting program shall be properly maintained and calibrated as necessary to ensure their continued accuracy;
5. The Enrollee shall retain records of all SSOs, such as, but not limited to and when applicable:
  - a. Record of Certified report, as submitted to the online SSO database;
  - b. All original recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation;
  - c. Service call records and complaint logs of calls received by the Enrollee;
  - d. SSO calls;
  - e. SSO records;
  - f. Steps that have been and will be taken to prevent the SSO from recurring and a schedule to implement those steps.
  - g. Work orders, work completed, and any other maintenance records from the previous 5 years which are associated with responses and investigations of system problems related to SSOs;
  - h. A list and description of complaints from customers or others from the previous 5 years; and
  - i. Documentation of performance and implementation measures for the previous 5 years.
6. If water quality samples are required by an environmental or health regulatory agency or State law, or if voluntary monitoring is conducted by the Enrollee or its agent(s), as a result of any SSO, records of monitoring information shall include:
  - a. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
  - b. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
  - c. The date(s) analyses were performed;
  - d. The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
  - e. The analytical technique or method used; and,
  - f. The results of such analyses.


### C. Certification

1. All final reports must be certified by an authorized person as required by Provision J of the Order.
2. Registration of authorized individuals, who may certify reports, will be in accordance with the CIWQS' protocols for reporting.

Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 2006-0003 will become effective on the date of adoption by the State Water Board. The notification requirements added by Order No. WQ 2008-0002-EXEC will become effective upon issuance by the Executive Director.

### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order amended by the Executive Director of the State Water Board.

  
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Jeanne Townsend  
Clerk to the Board