
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

October 3, 2012

To: Attached Mailing List

Subject: Discontinuation of Requirements for Annual Reports of Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), and Annual Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) Audits

This letter notifies you, as an agency or entity that owns or operates a sanitary sewer system in the San Francisco Bay Region enrolled in State Water Board Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ (Sanitary Sewer Order), of the discontinuation of requirements for annual SSO reports, and annual SSMP audit reports.

This discontinuation of requirements is effective immediately. This means there will be no need to submit the annual SSO report and SSMP audit report due in 2013. Furthermore, this discontinuation of requirements effectively rescinds, except for enforcement purposes, the Regional Water Board's Water Code section 13267 orders issued on November 15, 2004, and July 7, 2005.

Please be aware that you are still required to comply with Provision D.13(x) of the Sanitary Sewer Order. Provision D.13(x) requires enrollees, regardless of the population served, to conduct an SSMP internal audit, at a minimum every two years, and prepare an audit report to be kept on file. The Sanitary Sewer Order requires that the audit shall focus on evaluating the effectiveness of the SSMP and the enrollee's compliance with the SSMP requirements identified in Provision D.13, including identification of any deficiencies in the SSMP and steps to correct them. Because of the Regional Water Board's previous more frequent requirement for annual SSMP audit reports and somewhat different submittal schedule compared to the Sanitary Sewer Order, the following reconciles the minimum schedule for the next SSMP audit report to ensure compliance with the Sanitary Sewer Order. Future audits reports would be due two years after the dates listed below.

- If your collection system serves a population greater than 2,500, you must complete your next SSMP internal audit and SSMP Audit Report by **May 2, 2014**. The SSMP internal audit shall cover calendar years 2012 and 2013.
- For collection system serving a population of less than 2,500, the SSMP Audit Report covering calendar years 2012 and 2013 must be completed by **August 2, 2014**.

Please note that if you own and/or operate more than one collection system, you must maintain a separate SSMP audit report on file for each collection system enrolled under the Sanitary Sewer Order.

Please note that the State Water Board is scheduled to consider amendments to the monitoring and reporting program of the Sanitary Sewer Order in early 2013. If adopted as currently drafted, enrollees will be required to include specific information in the SSMP internal audits to satisfy compliance with Provision D.13(x) of the Sanitary Sewer Order. This information would include current and projected SSO reduction performance goals, changes employed to meet target goals, and planned corrective actions to address the top SSO causes. A copy of the proposed amended Monitoring and Reporting Program is available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/sso/index.shtml.

If you have any questions regarding our SSO Reduction Program requirements or the contents of this letter, please contact Claudia Villacorta, Section Leader, at cvillacorta@waterboards.ca.gov or (510) 622-2485.

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