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MODIFICATION TO MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAMS FOR Monterey Regional Reclamation (producer), 3 270108025, 94-082

This action modifies the reporting requirements contained in the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) for your wastewater treatment plant. These revised reporting requirements apply to spills from your agency's wastewater treatment plant. Furthermore, their modifications do not apply to effluent limitation exceedances. They do not apply to overflows from your sanitary sewer systems¹.

We are requiring these changes to all wastewater treatment plant owners and operators to collect needed information regarding discharges of sewage or other waste that could affect the quality of waters of the state. Your agency is responsible for providing this information pursuant to California Water Code sections 13267 and/or 13383.

The revised language is provided below in quotes:

- "1. In accordance with the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 5411.5, the discharger shall provide notification to the local health officer or the director of environmental health with jurisdiction over the affected water body of any spills that cause, or probably will cause, a discharge to any waters of the state.
2. In accordance with the requirements of Water Code section 13271, the discharger shall provide notification to the State Office of Emergency Services of reportable amounts of hazardous substance spills or sewage spills that cause, or probably will cause, a discharge to any waters of the state. The California Code of Regulations, Title 23, section 2250, defines a reportable amount of a sewage spill as being 1,000 gallons. The phone number for reporting these releases to the **State Office of Emergency Services is (800) 852-7550.**

¹ Reporting requirements for overflows from sanitary sewer systems can be found in the MRP (Order No. WQ 2008-0002-EXEC) for the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Sanitary Sewer Systems (Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ), unless your sanitary sewer system is regulated under an individual order.

3. The discharger shall notify the Central Coast Water Board of any spill from its wastewater treatment plant that causes, or probably will cause, a discharge to a water of the state as soon as possible, but not later than **two (2)** hours after becoming aware of the release. This notification does not need to be made if the discharger has notified the State Office of Emergency Services first. The phone number for reporting these sewage spills to the Central Coast Water Board is **(805) 549-3147**. At a minimum, the following information shall be provided:

- (a) The location, date, and time of the spill.
- (b) The water body that received or will receive the spill.
- (c) An estimate of the amount of sewage or other waste spilled and the amount that reached a surface water at the time of notification.
- (d) If ongoing, the estimated flow rate of the spill at the time of the notification.
- (e) The name, organization, phone number and email address of the reporting representative.

4. As soon as possible, but **not later than twenty four (24) hours** after becoming aware of a spill from its wastewater treatment plant to a water of the state, the discharger shall submit a statement to the Central Coast Water Board by email at centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov. If the spill is 1,000 gallons or more, this statement shall certify that the State Office of Emergency Services has been notified of the spill in accordance with California Water Code section 13271. The statement shall also certify that the local health officer or director of environmental health with jurisdiction over the affected water bodies has been notified of the spill in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 5411.5. The statement shall also include at a minimum the following information:

- (a) Agency, NPDES No., Order No., and MRP No., if applicable.
- (b) The location, date, and time of the spill.
- (c) The water body that received the spill.
- (d) A description of the level of treatment of the sewage spill or other waste spilled.
- (e) An initial estimate of the amount of sewage spilled or other waste spilled and the amount that reached a surface water.
- (f) The State Office of Emergency Services control number and the date and time that notification of the incident was provided to the State Office of Emergency Services.

(g) The name of the local health officer or director of environmental health representative notified (if contacted directly); the date and time of notification; and the method of notification (e.g., phone, fax, email)."

Should there be any conflict between the existing reporting requirements contained in the MRP or corresponding orders and this modification, the modification will prevail. All other provisions of your MRP remain in full force and effect.

To verify that you have received this MRP amendment, please sign and send the attached certification to the Central Coast Water Board.

Should you have any questions, contact **David LaCaro** at **(805) 594-3892** or **dlacaro@waterboards.ca.gov**

Sincerely,



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Attachment 1: MRP Amendment Confirmation Form

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