

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. R5-2007-_____
FOR
INTERSTATE FIVE UTILITY COMPANY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
KERN COUNTY

This Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) is required pursuant to California Water Code (CWC) section 13267. The Discharger shall not implement any changes to this MRP unless and until the Regional Water Board adopts or the Executive Officer issues a revised MRP. Changes to sample location shall be established with concurrence of Regional Water Board staff, and a description of the revised stations shall be submitted for approval by the Executive Officer. All samples should be representative of the volume and nature of the discharge or matrix of material sampled. The time, date, and location of each sample shall be recorded on the sample chain of custody form. All analyses shall be performed in accordance with *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements*, dated 1 March 1991 (Standard Provisions). The results of analyses performed in accordance with specified test procedures, taken more frequently than required at the locations specified in this MRP, shall be reported to the Regional Water Board and used in determining compliance.

Field test instruments (such as pH) may be used provided that:

1. The operator is trained in the proper use of the instrument;
2. The instruments are calibrated prior to each use;
3. Instruments are serviced and/or calibrated at the recommended frequency by the manufacturer or in accordance with manufacturer instructions; and
4. Field calibration reports are submitted as described in the "Reporting" section of this MRP.

In addition to details specified in Standard Provision C.3 records of monitoring information shall also include the following:

1. Method detection limit (MDL);
2. Reporting limit (RL) (i.e., a practical quantitation limit or PQL); and
3. Documentation of cation/anion balance for general minerals analysis of supply water, and groundwater samples.

All laboratory results shall be reported down to the MDL. Non-detected results shall be reported as less than the MDL (<MDL). Results above the MDL, but below the concentration of the lowest calibration standard for multipoint calibration methods or below the reporting limit for other methods shall be flagged as estimated.

All analyses shall be performed in accordance with the latest edition of *Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for Analysis of Pollutants*, promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 136) or other procedures approved by the Executive Officer, provided the methods have method detection limits equal to or lower than the analytical methods specified in this MRP. In reporting data, the Discharger shall indicate whether any analysis was performed using a method not in conformance with EPA's Guidelines. Analyses may also comply with the methods and holding times specified in: *Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes* (EPA-600/4-79-020,

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1983); *Methods for Determination of Inorganic Substance in Environmental Samples* (EPA/600/R-93/100, 1993); *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, 20th Edition (WEF, APHA, AWWA); and *Soil, Plant and Water Reference Methods for the Western Region*, 2003, 2nd Edition, 2003.

If monitoring consistently shows no significant variation in magnitude of a constituent concentration after at least 12 months of monitoring, the Discharger may request the MRP be revised to reduce monitoring frequency. The proposal must include adequate technical justification for reduction in monitoring frequency.

DISCHARGE MONITORING

The Discharger shall collect effluent samples at a point in the system following treatment and before discharge to Ponds 1 through 3. Time of collection of a grab sample shall be recorded. Effluent monitoring shall include the following:

<u>Constituent/Parameter</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency¹</u>
Monthly Average Daily Flow	mgd	Estimate ²	1/Month
pH	s.u. ³	Grab	1/Week
EC ⁴			
Concentration	µmhos/cm	Grab	1/Week
Monthly Average	µmhos/cm	Grab	1/Month
BOD ₅ ⁵			
Concentration	mg/L	Grab	1/Week
Monthly Average	mg/L	Calculated	1/Month
TSS ⁶			
Concentration	mg/L	Grab	1/Week
Monthly Average	mg/L	Calculated	1/Month
Nitrogen Forms			
Nitrate (as N)	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter ^{7,8}
TKN ⁹	mg/L	Grab	1/Quarter ^{7,8}
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	Calculated	1/Quarter ^{7,8}
General Minerals ¹⁰	mg/L	Grab	1/Year ¹¹

¹ If results of monitoring a pollutant appear to indicate either the failure to achieve the design treatment goals of the wastewater treatment facility or potential upset of the treatment process, but monitoring frequency is not sufficient to validate the results, the frequency of sampling shall be increased to confirm the magnitude and duration of such treatment failures, if any, and aid in identification and resolution of the problem.

² Flow estimates may be obtained from water meter readings. Explain all assumptions and the method for determining flow.

³ pH standard units (s.u.)

⁴ Electrical conductivity at 25°C.

⁵ 5-day biochemical oxygen demand

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- ⁶ Total suspended solids
- ⁷ January, April, July, and October
- ⁸ Monitoring may be discontinued after two years and/or eight sample points are determined.
- ⁹ Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)
- ¹⁰ General Minerals as referred to in this program shall include the constituents in the General Minerals Analyte List presented below.
- ¹¹ In October

General Minerals Analyte List¹

Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	Carbonate (as CaCO ₃)	pH
Arsenic	Chloride	Potassium
Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	EC	Sodium
Boron	Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	Sulfate
Calcium	Magnesium	TDS

¹ General Minerals analyte lists may vary depending on the laboratory, but shall include at least the above analytes and properties. An anion cation balance shall accompany results.

POND MONITORING

Ponds 1 through 3 shall be sampled systematically for the parameters specified below. Disposal pond monitoring shall include at least the following:

<u>Constituent/Parameter</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Sampling Frequency</u>
DO ^{1,2}	mg/L	Grab ³	1/Week
Freeboard	Feet ⁴	Observation	1/Week

- ¹ Dissolved oxygen (DO)
- ² To address potential for the creation of objectionable odors, the DO content in the upper zone (one foot) of either effluent storage reservoir should not be less than 1.0 mg/L for three consecutive sampling events. If results of monitoring indicate DO concentrations less than 1.0 mg/L, but monitoring frequency is not sufficient to validate the results, the frequency of sampling shall be increased to confirm the magnitude and duration of such low concentrations of DO, if any, and aid in identification and resolution of the problem.
- ³ Samples shall be collected at a depth of one foot from the storage reservoirs, opposite the inlet, and analyzed for DO. Samples shall be collected between 0700 and 0900 hours.
- ⁴ Freeboard shall be monitored to the nearest tenth of a foot.

In addition, the Discharger shall inspect the condition of Ponds 1 through 3 once per week and write visual observations in a bound logbook. Notations shall include observations of whether weeds are developing in the water or along the bank, and their location; whether dead algae, vegetation, scum, or debris are accumulating on the disposal pond surface and their location; whether burrowing animals or insects are present; and the color of the reservoirs (e.g., dark sparkling green, dull green, yellow, gray, tan, brown, etc.). A **summary** of the entries made in the log during each month shall be submitted along with the monitoring report the following month.

SOURCE WATER MONITORING

The Discharger's municipal source water supply shall be monitored as follows:

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<u>Constituent/Parameter</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Measurement</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
EC ¹	µmhos/cm	Grab	1/Year ²

¹ Report as a flow-weighted average from all supply wells and include copies of supporting calculations with monitoring reports.

² In October

SLUDGE MONITORING

To ensure that industrial and other discharges to the wastewater treatment facility are not interfering with treatment process, the Discharger shall collect a composite sample of sludge annually, as set forth by Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 503.16. Any Notice of Necessary Information (NANI) form prepared for submittal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency shall be forwarded to the Regional Water Board.

Composite samples shall be collected in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's *POTW Sludge Sampling And Analysis Guidance Document* (EPA/ 833B89100, August 1989) and test for metals:

Arsenic	Copper	Nickel
Cadmium	Lead	Selenium
Molybdenum	Mercury	Zinc

The control of pathogens and the reduction of vector attraction shall be achieved in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's *Control of Pathogens and Vectors In sewage Sludge* (EPA/625-R-92/013, July 2003).

Sampling records shall be retained for a minimum of five years. A log shall be kept of sludge quantities generated and of handling, application, and disposal activities. The frequency of entries is discretionary; however, a log should be complete enough to serve as a basis for part of the annual report.

USE AREA MONITORING

The amounts of water and/or recycled water (in acre-feet) applied to the Use Areas and amounts of chemical fertilizers (in pounds of nitrogen per acre) shall be measured and reported quarterly. The monitoring report shall include a map showing the Use Area, crops planted in those areas, and the quantity of recycled water, irrigation water and commercial fertilizer nitrogen applied to each. To calculate the amount of nitrogen from the effluent, use the most recent average nitrogen concentration.

REPORTING

The Discharger shall report monitoring data and information as required in this MRP and as required in the Standard Provisions. Daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly data shall be reported **in quarterly** monitoring reports.

Monitoring data and/or discussions submitted concerning WWTF performance must also be signed and certified by the chief plant operator. When reports contain laboratory analyses performed by the Discharger and the chief plant operator is not in the direct line of supervision of the laboratory, reports must also be signed and certified by the chief of the laboratory.

In reporting monitoring data, the Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the date, the constituents, and the concentrations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner that illustrates clearly, whether the Discharger complies with waste discharge requirements. If the Discharger monitors any pollutant at the locations designated herein more frequently than is required by this Order, the results of such monitoring shall be included in the discharge monitoring report.

A. Quarterly Reports

Daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly monitoring data shall be reported in quarterly monitoring reports. Quarterly monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Regional Water Board **by the 1st day of the second month after the calendar quarter** (i.e., the 1st Quarter Report is due by 1 May, 2nd Quarter Report is due by 1 August, and the 3rd Quarter Report is due 1 November). Quarterly monitoring reports shall include all monitoring data required in the monthly monitoring schedule, and the data from quarterly monitoring events.

B. Annual Reports

An Annual Report shall be prepared as a fourth quarter monitoring report. The Annual Report will include all monitoring data required in the quarterly schedule plus the results of any annually sampled constituents (general minerals, selected metals, etc). The Annual Report shall be submitted to the Regional Board **by 1 February of the year following the year the samples were collected**. In addition to the data normally presented, the Annual Report shall include the following:

1. The names, certificate grades, and general responsibilities of all persons in charge of wastewater treatment and disposal;
2. The names and telephone numbers of persons to contact regarding the WWTF for emergency and routine situations;

3. A statement certifying when the flow meter and other monitoring instruments and devices were last calibrated, including identification of who performed the calibrations (Standard Provision C.4);
4. A statement whether the current operation and maintenance manual, and contingency plan, reflect the WWTF as currently constructed and operated, and the dates when these documents were last reviewed for adequacy;
5. The results of an annual evaluation conducted pursuant to Standard Provisions E.4 and a figure depicting monthly average discharge flow for the previous five calendar years;
6. A summary of sludge monitoring, including:
 - a. Annual sludge production in dry tons and percent solids;
 - b. A schematic diagram showing sludge handling facilities and solids flow diagram; and
 - c. A description of disposal methods, including the following information related to the disposal methods used at the WWTF. If more than one method is used, include the percentage of sludge production disposed of by each method.
 - i. For **landfill disposal**, include (a) the Order numbers that regulate the landfill(s) used, (b) the present classifications of the landfill(s) used, and (c) the names and locations of the facilities receiving the sludge.
 - ii. For **land application**, include: (a) the locations of the site(s), and (b) the Order number of any WDRs that regulates the site(s).
 - iii. For **incineration**, include: (a) the names and location of the site(s) where sludge incineration occurs, (b) the Order numbers of WDRs that regulate the site(s), (c) the disposal method of ash, and (d) the names and locations of facilities receiving ash (if applicable); and
 - iv. For **composting**, include: (a) the location of the site(s), and (b) the order numbers of any WDRs that regulate the site(s).
7. A summary and discussion of the compliance record for the reporting period. If violations have occurred, the report shall also discuss the corrective actions taken and planned to bring the discharge into full compliance with this Order.

All technical reports required herein must be overseen and certified by a California registered civil engineer, certified engineering geologist, or certified hydrogeologist in accordance with California Business and Professions Code, sections 6735, 7835, and 7835.1.

All reports submitted in response to this Order shall comply with the signatory requirements in Standard Provision B.3.

A transmittal letter shall accompany each self-monitoring report. The letter shall discuss any violations during the reporting period and all actions taken or planned for correcting violations, such as operation or facility modifications. If the Discharger has previously submitted a report

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describing corrective actions and/or a time schedule for implementing the corrective actions, reference to the previous correspondence will be satisfactory.

The Discharger shall implement the above monitoring program on the first day of the month following adoption of this Order.

Ordered by: _____
PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer

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