# Notice of Exemption

**To:** ☑ Office of Planning and Research PO Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 222 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

☐ County Clerk County of Alameda

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**From:** San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, California 94612

**Project Title:**

C&H Sugar Company Refinery, Joint Use C&H Sugar Company-Crockett Community Services District Philip F. Meads Water Treatment Plant, and Crockett Community Services District sanitary sewer system – NPDES Permit Reissuance

**Project Location - Specific:**

The permit regulates the discharge of cooling water and stormwater from the C&H Sugar Company Refinery, along with treated wastewater from the Joint Use C&H Sugar Company-Crockett Community Services District Philip F. Meads Water Treatment Plant, to Carquinez Strait.

**Project Location - County:** Contra Costa County

**Description of Project:**

Waste Discharge Requirements permit C&H Sugar Company, Inc., and Crockett Community Services District to treat and discharge an average dry weather flow of up to 0.85 million gallons per day to Carquinez Strait. The Waste Discharge Requirements also permit C&H Sugar Company, Inc. to discharge stormwater from the C&H Sugar Company Refinery and up to 35 million gallons of cooling water per day to Carquinez Strait.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Exempt Status:** *(check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(l); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- ☑ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 13389 of the California Water Code

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project is the adoption of an NPDES permit.

**Lead Agency:** San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board
**Contact Person:** Debbie Phan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (510) 622-2411

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: Executive Officer

Eileen M. White, P.E.

☑ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:_____