

Lehigh Southwest Cement Company

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Overview of Water Board's existing permits, orders, and policy

- 1994 Water Reclamation Requirements
- 1997 Industrial Stormwater General Permit
- 7999 Cleanup and Abatement Order
- 2008 SF Bay Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

Water Reclamation Requirements

- Regulates treatment and disinfection of sewage for reuse
- Water Board staff reviews quarterly self-monitoring reports
- Water Board plans to inspect the facility this fiscal year

Stormwater General Permit

- Regulates stormwater discharges from industrial activities
- Requires implementation of best management practices to control pollutants in stormwater discharges

Stormwater General Permit

- Requires stormwater pollution prevention plan and monitoring plan
 - Identify sources of pollutants, implement best management practices, and monitor for effectiveness
- Requires annual reports by July 1
- Water Board plans to inspect cement industry this fiscal year including Lehigh

Cleanup and Abatement Order

- Fissued to address unauthorized instream ponds, slope instability of creek banks, and need for long-term creek restoration
- Work with Lehigh on finalizing longterm creek restoration plan for implementation upon facility closure

Water Quality Certification or Waste Discharge Requirements

- Regulates any dredge or fill activities that could impact waters of the state
- Sediment dredging of ponds requires
 Water Board permit
- Some ponds are habitats for California red-legged frogs (listed as threatened species by federal agency in 1996)

Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load for SF Bay

- Hg atmospheric deposition is one of the major sources to Bay Hg
- Direct deposition or stormwater runoff
- Cement plant is one of the significant local sources (and crematoria and refineries)
- Water Board collaborates with Air District and EPA on addressing air sources

Questions?

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