

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region

ORDER NO. R1-2004-0039

RECISION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS, NPDES PERMIT  
AND  
MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAMS  
ORDER NUMBERS

R1-2000-06, R1-2001-22  
96-96, 91-121, 87-61, R1-2001-58  
98-38, 98-6, R1-2002-58, R1-2002-32  
AND 98-124

For

The Masonite Corporation; Mendocino County

Hewlett-Packard Company Valley Site, Santa Rosa, NPDES No. CA005606; Sonoma County

Georgia-Pacific Corporation Fort Bragg Lumber Mill, NPDES No. CA0005304; Mendocino County

Georgia-Pacific Corporation and James I. and Barbara McGuire Fort Bragg Soil Amendment,  
Mendocino County

Georgia-Pacific Corporation Fort Bragg Soil Amendment; Mendocino County

Georgia-Pacific Resins, Inc.; Mendocino County

Eureka Fisheries, Inc. and Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative, NPDES No. CA0023761;  
Humboldt County

Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and the City of Eureka, Humboldt  
Bay Maintenance Dredging; Humboldt County

California Department of Transportation South Fork Van Duzen River Bridge Repainting,  
Bridgeville; Humboldt County

Humboldt County Department of Public Works, Maple Hills Road Bridge Repainting,  
Phillipsville; Humboldt County

and

Eel River Sawmills, Mill "C", Alton, NPDES No. CA0024686; Humboldt County

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, (hereinafter Regional Water Board) finds that:

1. Since the promulgation of the Porter-Cologne Act in 1970, the Regional Water Board has prescribed many Waste Discharge Requirements (hereinafter WDRs), some of which are no longer applicable, relevant or necessary. The Regional Water Board has the authority to rescind orders where such action is not against the public interest and promotes efficiency in administration of the law.
2. It has been brought to the attention of Regional Water Board staff that Order Numbers R1-2000-06, R1-2001-22, 96-96, 91-121, 87-61, R1-2002-58, 98-38, 98-06, R1-2001-58, 98-124 and R1-2002-32, are no longer applicable, relevant, or necessary and should be rescinded.

### **Masonite Corporation**

3. On March 22, 2000, the Regional Water Board received a Report of Waste Discharge (hereinafter ROWD) from the Masonite Corporation, located in Ukiah, Mendocino County. The ROWD described the hardboard manufacturing facility's wastewater treatment and disposal facilities. The wastewater treatment portion of the facility provided secondary treatment for 2.22 million gallons per day of industrial processing wastes. Treated effluent was either discharged to the Russian River between October 1 through May 14, irrigated on-site, or used as process makeup wastewater.
4. In January 2000, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. R1-2000-06, NPDES Permit No. CA005606, for the Masonite Corporation (hereinafter Masonite).
5. On March 3, 2003, the Regional Water Board received a report of waste discharge from Masonite indicating that all industrial activities at the Ukiah facility, and all associated industrial discharges to the waters of the State had ceased. Because Masonite no longer operates at the Ukiah facility, WDRs are no longer necessary.

### **Georgia-Pacific Corporation Fort Bragg Lumber Mill**

6. On March 29, 1999, the Regional Water Board received a ROWD from the Georgia-Pacific Corporation describing the discharge of process water from its power plant and the discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activities to the Pacific Ocean.
7. On March 22, 2001, The Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2001-22, NPDES Permit No. CA0005304, for the Georgia-Pacific Corporation Fort Bragg Lumber Mill.
8. On January 12, 2004, the Regional Water Board received notification from the Georgia-Pacific Corporation that all production activities at its Fort Bragg Lumber Mill had ceased in December 2002. As a result of the cessation of the

permitted discharge, the Georgia-Pacific Corporation has requested that Order No. R1-2001-22 for the Georgia-Pacific Lumber Mill be rescinded. During an inspection conducted on October 2, 2003, Regional Water Board staff verified that the permitted waste discharge from industrial operations at the facility had ceased. Accordingly, it is the determination of Regional Water Board staff that WDRs are no longer necessary for this facility.

**Georgia-Pacific Corporation and James I. and Barbara McGuire  
Fort Bragg Soil Amendment (McGuire Ranch)**

9. On October 28, 1991, the Regional Water Board received a ROWD from the Georgia-Pacific Corporation describing the use of woodwaste ash as a soil amendment on land owned by James I. and Barbara McGuire in Fort Bragg. The woodwaste ash was generated by the power plant operated at the Georgia-Pacific Fort Bragg Lumber Mill.
10. On February 26, 1992, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 92-26 authorizing the land application of woodwaste ash generated by the power plant at the Georgia-Pacific Fort Bragg sawmill. On December 5, 1996, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. 96-96 revising Order No. 92-26 to allow aerobically digested municipal biosolids from the Mendocino Community Services District to be amended along with the woodwaste ash.
11. On January 12, 2004, the Regional Water Board received notification from the Georgia-Pacific Corporation that soil amendment activities at the McGuire Ranch Soil Amendment Site had ceased as a result of the closure of the Georgia-Pacific Fort Bragg Lumber Mill in December 2002. The Georgia-Pacific Corporation has therefore, requested that Order No. 96-96 for the Fort Bragg Soil Amendment project be rescinded. Woodwaste ash and municipal biosolids were reported to have been last incorporated into the soil in October 2003. Photographs provided to Regional Water Board staff by the Permittee on April 27, 2004 verify that there is no remaining ash and biosolids in the storage area. Accordingly, it is the determination of Regional Water Board staff that WDRs for the Georgia-Pacific Corporation Fort Bragg Soil Amendment (McGuire Ranch) are no longer necessary for this facility.

**Georgia-Pacific Corporation Fort Bragg Soil Amendment (Little Valley)**

12. On July 17, 1991, the Regional Water Board received a ROWD describing the use of woodwaste ash as a soil amendment on 330 acres of pastureland owned by the Georgia-Pacific Corporation along Little Creek in Fort Bragg. The woodwaste ash was generated by the power plant operated at the Georgia-Pacific Fort Bragg Lumber Mill. The soil amendment site is located in Little Valley.
13. On August 22, 1991, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 91-121 authorizing the land application of woodwaste ash generated by the power plant at the Georgia-Pacific Fort Bragg sawmill.

14. On January 12, 2004, the Regional Water Board received a request from the Georgia-Pacific Corporation to rescind WDr the Little Valley soil amendment site have not occurred since October 1991, the Georgia-Pacific Corporation no longer owns the property, and the Georgia-Pacific Corporation has no plans to use this site for soil amendment in the future. Accordingly, it is the determination of Regional Water Board staff that WDRs are no longer necessary for this facility.

**Georgia-Pacific Resins, Inc.**

15. The Regional Water Board received notification on March 24, 2003 from Georgia-Pacific Resins, Inc., a subsidiary of Georgia-Pacific Corporation, of the closure of its Ukiah Manufacturing Facility. The facility is located at 2163 North State Street in the City of Ukiah in Mendocino County. The facility is located approximately 600 feet west of the Russian River and is bounded by two major two tributaries: Hensley Creek to the north and Ackerman Creek to the south.
16. Georgia Pacific Resins has operated the Ukiah facility since 1974 for the manufacture of thermosetting resins used in the manufacture of particleboard. The Permittee has maintained inventories of epichlorohydrin, urea, acetone, ammonia, caustic soda, and various amines, aldehydes, alcohols, acids, and aromatic compounds. Incidental discharges of chemicals have occurred at the site during chemical transfers at the railcar and truck unloading areas, and through the discharge of contaminated storm water at the facility.
17. On February 10, 1983, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 83-3 for the discharge. Order No. 83-3 included requirements to monitor storm water runoff and groundwater at the facility for the presence of formaldehyde, total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), total organic halogens (TOX), and pH. Order No. 83-3 was rescinded on May 28, 1987 and replaced by Order No. 87-61. The facility was also regulated by the County of Mendocino under the California Accidental Release Prevention Program (CalARP) and the California United Program Agency (CUPA) program.
18. Georgia-Pacific Resins ceased operations in December 2002 and has requested that Order No. 87-61 be rescinded. The facility was inspected and verified as closed by Regional Water Board staff on June 4, 2003. No hazardous materials or wastes were observed at the facility during an inspection report conducted by the Mendocino County Division of Environmental Health on May 22, 2003. It is the determination of Regional Water Board staff that WDRs are no longer necessary for this facility.

### **Eureka Fisheries, Inc. and Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative**

19. In March 2001, the Regional Water Board received a ROWD from Eureka Fisheries, Inc., located in Fields Landing, Humboldt County. The facility is owned by Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative. The ROWD described the facility's wastewater treatment and disposal facilities. Process wastewater from the facility was discharged through a shallow-water outfall to Humboldt Bay following collection and screening.
20. In June 2001, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2001-58, NPDES Permit No. CA0023761, for Eureka Fisheries, Inc. and Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative.
21. In October 2001, the Regional Water Board received a letter from Eureka Fisheries, Inc., indicating that all operations at the Fields Landing facility had ceased, and all associated industrial discharges to the waters of the State had ceased. In January 2002, the Regional Water Board staff proceeded with recision of the WDRs. Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative requested that the WDRs not be rescinded due to the possibility of finding a new tenant for the property. No tenant has been found. The facility has been idle since Eureka Fisheries ceased operations. Because Eureka Fisheries, Inc. no longer operates at the Fields Landing facility, WDRs are no longer necessary.

### **Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and the City of Eureka**

22. In April of 1997, the Regional Water Board received a ROWD from the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and the City of Eureka describing a joint maintenance dredging project in Humboldt Bay. The project included dredging about 190,000 cubic yards of dredge spoils from Humboldt Bay. Disposal of the dredged spoils occurred on the North Spit Samoa Beach located northwest of Samoa.
23. In March 1998, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 98-38 for the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and the City of Eureka.
24. In 2000 the dredging project was completed, and all associated discharges to the waters of the State had ceased. Because the dredging project has been completed, WDRs are no longer necessary.

### **Hewlett-Packard Company Valley Site, Santa Rosa**

25. In February 1998, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 98-6, NPDES Permit No. CA0024589, for the Hewlett-Packard Company for the former manufacturing facility located at 1201 Piner Road in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County. The Order was adopted for the discharge of treated groundwater from a treatment facility installed to treat groundwater contaminated with halogenated volatile organic compounds.

26. On June 3, 2004, Order No. R1-2001-9 NPDES Permit No. CAG911001 General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Highly-Treated Groundwater to Surface Waters Following Extraction and Cleanup Of Groundwater Polluted with Petroleum Hydrocarbons and Volatile Organic Compounds was issued for the Site, replacing Order No. 98-6, NPDES Permit No. CA0024589. Because discharges from the groundwater treatment system are regulated under Order No. R1-2001-9 NPDES Permit No. CAG911001, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 98-6, NPDES Permit No. CA0024589 is no longer needed.

**South Fork Van Duzen River Bridge No. 04-119, Bridgeville**

27. The California Department of Transportation submitted a Report of Waste Discharge on March 25, 2002 for repainting of the South Fork Van Duzen River Bridge No. 04-119. The bridge is located over the South Fork Van Duzen River on State Route 36, Post Mile 35.41, eleven miles east of Bridgeville, California.
28. The repainting project was completed in October 2002, and all associated potential discharges to the waters of the State ceased. Because the repainting project has been completed, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2002-58 is no longer necessary.

**Maple Hills Road Bridge, Phillipville**

29. The Humboldt County Department of Public Works submitted a Report of Waste Discharge on February 8, 2002 for repainting of the County-owned Maple Hills Road Bridge No. 4C-0089. The bridge is located over the South Fork Eel River on Maple Hills Road No C6C010, 1.5 miles northwest of Phillipville, California.
30. The repainting project was completed in September 2003, and all associated potential discharges to the waters of the State ceased. Because the repainting project has been completed, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2002-32 is no longer necessary.

**Eel River Sawmills, Mill "C", Alton**

31. In December 1998, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 98-124, NPDES Permit No. CA0024686, for Eel River Sawmills, Incorporated for discharge of storm water runoff containing wastes from a sprinkled log deck from its Mill "C" in Alton, California.
32. Mill "C" was sold in September 2003 and industrial operations stopped prior to that date. Sprinkling of the log deck is no longer occurring present and all associated discharges to the waters of the State have ceased. Because the mill is no longer in operation, Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 98-124, NPDES Permit No. CA0024686 is no longer needed.

33. The Regional Water Board has notified the Permittees, as well interested agencies and persons of its intent to rescind the WDRs and associated Monitoring and Reporting Programs identified below and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
34. This action to rescind Waste Discharge Requirements is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b).
35. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to this matter.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the WDRs and Monitoring and Reporting Programs identified on the following list be rescinded:

<b>Order Number</b>	<b>Facility (WDID) Number</b>	<b>Facility Name</b>
R1-2000-06	1B83030OMEN	Masonite Corporation
98-6	1B86006NSON	Hewlett-Packard Company Valley Site
R1-2001-22	1B84089OMEN	Georgia-Pacific Corporation Fort Bragg Lumber Mill
96-96	1B85030RMEN	Georgia-Pacific Corporation and James I. and Barbara McGuire Fort Bragg Soil Amendment
91-121	1B85030RMEN	Georgia-Pacific Corporation Fort Bragg Soil Amendment
87-61	1B83003OMEN	Georgia-Pacific Resins, Inc.
R1-2001-58	1B80083OHUM	Eureka Fisheries, Inc. and Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperative
98-38	1B97017RHUM	Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District and the City of Eureka
R1-2002-058	1B02046RHUM	CDOT Hwy 36 Van Duzen Bridge
R1-2002-032	1B02010RHUM	Maple Hills Road Bridge (4C-0089)
98-124	1B85009CHUM	Eel River Sawmills Alton

Certification

I, Catherine E. Kuhlman, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on June 23, 2004.

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Catherine E. Kuhlman  
Executive Officer

(WDRRecisions)