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Annual Notice to Potentially Affected Public Agencies

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department (Department) has a permit to treat Lopez Terminal Reservoir, Lopez Lake, and Salinas Reservoir (Santa Margarita Lake) to control nuisance algae under State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2013-0002—DWQ, General Permit No. CAG990005. As required by the permit, we are notifying potentially affected public agencies that one or more treatments may occur during the calendar year. If deemed necessary, the Department would apply a solution of copper sulfate/citric acid or dry broadcast sodium carbonate peroxyhydrate to select areas of the listed water bodies to inhibit the growth or reduce the population of nuisance algae.

The algaecide application would take place during normal working hours and would be performed in a manner that minimizes the potential for adverse impact on the public and the water body. As a precaution against possible skin or eye irritation, Parks Department personnel would be asked to restrict public access to any treated area in Lopez Lake or Salinas Reservoir for 48 hours after treatment. The Department has developed a State-approved "Aquatic Pesticide Application Plan" (APAP) describing the procedures used when treating algae. A copy of the APAP and this notice can be found on the web at:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Forms-Documents/Water-Resources/NPDES-Aquatic-Weed-Control-Plan.pdf>

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