

An Update on Industrial Process Water Regulation April 20, 2011



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Industrial Process Water Regulation- Status



SBX7-7 Requirements

- Requires urban retail water suppliers to reduce per capita water use to achieve a statewide reduction of 20% by 2020.
 - Estimate baseline gross water use
 - Develop 2020 water use target



The Statute

- *Section 10608.24 (e)* “...an urban retail water supplier that has a **substantial percentage** of **industrial water** use in its service area, may exclude process water from the calculation of gross water use to avoid a **disproportionate burden** on another customer sector.”
- Requires DWR to adopt a regulation for the exclusion of the process water

Process Water Definition

water used by **industrial water users*** for producing a product or product content, or water used for research and development.



Exclusion Criteria

- When calculating its gross water use, an urban retail water supplier may deduct up to 100 percent of industrial process water use if:
 - a) Total industrial water use is more than 12 percent, or
 - b) Total industrial water use is more than 15 gallons per capita per day, or
 - c) Non-industrial water use is less than 120 gallons per capita per day, or
 - d) The population within the suppliers' service area meets the criteria for a disadvantaged community.

Emergency Regulation

- Emergency Regulation adopted in December 2010

Permanent Regulation Public Hearings

- The Department's Notice was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register March 4, 2011.
- Public Hearings were held on April 13 in Sacramento and on April 19 in Los Angeles
 - Only a few people attended the Hearings

After the public comment period

The written public comment period closed
April 18, 2011 at 5:00 PM

A transcript of the public hearing and related
exhibits or evidence will be a part of the
Department's Rulemaking Record



Final Adoption

Public comments will be considered and the final draft Regulation will be submitted for adoption to the California Water Commission, May 18, 2011