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NEW WATER QUALITY MONITORING REPORT ON SAN FRANCISCO BAY

On May 10th, 2005, the Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) will release its annual report on water quality in the Estuary (“*The Pulse of the Estuary*”) at a meeting held at the Oakland Museum of California. This year’s *Pulse* examines:

- Spatial patterns and long-term trends in high priority pollutants such as mercury and PCBs;
- Trends in emerging pollutants such as PBDE flame retardants and pyrethroid insecticides;
- Water quality concerns related to restoration of vast acreages of tidal marsh in the Bay;
- Recent studies indicating that pollutants may be affecting survival of early life stages of striped bass, white sturgeon, and splittail;
- How the RMP is adapting to maintain a sharp focus on the most important questions faced by water quality managers.

A short fact sheet summarizing this issue of the *Pulse* accompanies this press release.

More information on these topics will be presented at the Regional Monitoring Program Annual Meeting at the Oakland Museum of California on May 10th, 2005.

The full report and other information on the RMP and the RMP Annual Meeting are available at www.sfei.org.