Industrial Wastewater: Regulator Perspective

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Wastewater Flows to SF Bay



Regulatory Approach

1. Technology-Based: Based on crude processed and refinery processes

2. Water Quality-Based: Protect beneficial uses

3. Whole Effluent Toxicity: Regulate unknown toxicants

Permitting Milestones



Toxicity Reduction



Granular Activated Carbon



Flow through test on rainbow trout

Selenium Reduction



Selenite (Se IV) in North SF Bay



TMDL Implementation

Mercury Loads to SF Bay

TMDL Allocation (kg/yr)



2018 Mercury Loads:
✓ Refinery: 0.27
✓ Industrial: 0.01

- Municipal
- Refinery & Industrial
- Non-wastewater

PCB Loads to SF Bay

TMDL Allocation (kg/yr)



2018 PCB Loads: ✓ Refinery: 0.012 ✓ Industrial: 0.007

Selenium Loads to North SF Bay

TMDL Allocation (kg/yr)



2018 Selenium Loads: ✓Refinery: 520

Future Challenges

1. Climate Change Adaptation



2. Optimize Selenium Reduction

Questions?