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| **QUESTION** | **Application** |
| **NS2.1** | Are Dewatering practices applied as required? |
| **SPECs, 13-4.03G Dewatering** | Dewatering consists of discharging accumulated stormwater, groundwater, or surface water from excavations or temporary containment facilities.  Perform dewatering work as specified for the work items involved, such as temporary active treatment system or dewatering and discharge. |
| **CGP, Attachment C.C.1; D.C.1; E.C.1** | Risk Level 1, 2 and 3 dischargers shall implement measures to control all non-storm water discharges during construction. |
| **CGP, Order III.C** | Authorized non-storm water discharges may include those from dechlorinated potable water sources such as:  - fire hydrant flushing, irrigation of vegetative erosion control - measures, pipe flushing and testing, water to control dust,  - uncontaminated ground water from dewatering, and other discharges not subject to a separate general NPDES permit adopted by a Regional Water Board.  The discharge of non-storm water is authorized under the following conditions:  1. The discharge does not cause or contribute to a violation of any water quality standard;  2. The discharge does not violate any other provision of this General Permit;  3. The discharge is not prohibited by the applicable Basin Plan;  4. The discharger has included and implemented specific BMPs required by this General Permit to prevent or reduce the contact of the non-stormwater discharge with construction materials or equipment.  5. The discharge does not contain toxic constituents in toxic amounts or (other) significant quantities of pollutants;  6. The discharge is monitored and meets the applicable NALs; and  7. The discharger reports the sampling information in the Annual Report.  If any of the above conditions are not satisfied, the discharge is not authorized by this General Permit. |
| **LTP, VIII-C** | Construction site dewatering waste must not be discharged to surface waters or tributaries thereto, including municipal separate storm sewer systems, unless the discharge meets the criteria for a low threat discharge, or meets the criteria for other exemptions presented in Attachment F.  Prior to conducting dewatering or clear water diversion activities on a site covered by this General Permit. Dischargers must prepare a dewatering/diversion plan as part of the SWPPP. Lahontan Water Board staff will require Dischargers to provide the dewatering plan as part of the project PRDs or upon determining dewatering is necessary. |

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|  | **Implementation** |
| **NS2.2** | Are Dewatering practices implemented properly? |
| **SPECs, 13-4.03G Dewatering** | If dewatering and discharging activities are not specified under a work item and you perform dewatering activities:  1. Conduct dewatering activities under the Department's Field Guide for Construction Site Dewatering.  2. Ensure that any dewatering discharge does not cause erosion, scour, or sedimentary deposits that could impact natural bedding materials.  3. Discharge the water within the project limits. Dispose of the water if it cannot be discharged within project limits due to site constraints or contamination.  4. Do not discharge stormwater or non-stormwater that has an odor, discoloration other than sediment, an oily sheen, or foam on the surface. Notify the Engineer immediately upon discovering any such condition. |
| **CGP, Order IV.E Proper Operation and Maintenance** | The discharger shall at all times properly operate and maintain any facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the discharger to achieve compliance with the conditions of this General Permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. Proper operation and maintenance may require the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems installed by a discharger when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this General Permit. |