

[FRL-5165-7]

**Notice of Meetings, Open to the Public, of the Multi-Agency Radiation Site Investigation Manual Development Working Group**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency, lead.

**ACTION:** Meetings open to the public.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing that the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission are meeting to develop joint Federal guidance for standardized and consistent approaches to accomplish structural and environmental radiation surveys. Relevant information will be provided to the group by other persons present. The guidance is being developed as a draft document, entitled the "Multi-Agency Radiation Site Investigation Manual (MARSIM)", and it is anticipated that the final product will be a consensus document each agency can agree upon and eventually adopt. Meetings of the group are open to the public on a first come, space available basis with advance registration. During the next meeting, representatives of the agencies will discuss: survey planning and design; implications of minimum detectable activity; application of statistics; and the schedule of future meetings.

**DATES, ADDRESSES, AND REGISTRATION:** A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 1995 from 9:00 am until about 3:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 2 White Flint North, Room T-10A1, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Persons wishing to attend this meeting contact Roberta Gordon at (301) 415-7555 to register. A future meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 27, 1995. The schedule, location, and registration information for future meetings will be posted on the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Enhanced Participatory Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for Decommissioning Electronic Bulletin Board, (800) 880-6091; the NRC Public Meeting Announcement System by electronic bulletin board at (800) 952-9676 or by recording at (800) 952-9674; the EPA Cleanup Regulation Electronic Bulletin Board at (800) 700-7837 outside the Washington area and (703) 790-0825 locally; and the RCRA/Superfund Hotline at (800) 424-9346 outside the Washington area, (703) 412-9810 locally, or by TDD at (800) 553-7672.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Persons needing further information concerning this group and the work of developing the Multi-Agency Radiation Site Investigation Manual should contact Colleen Petullo, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/ORIA, PO Box 98517, Las Vegas, NV 89193-8517, (702) 798-2446.

Dated: March 1, 1995.

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*Chief, Radiation Assessment Branch, EPA Office of Radiation and Indoor Air.*

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**Modification of General Administrative Compliance Order for Produced Water Discharges Covered by NPDES General Permits for Produced Water and Produced Sand Discharges From the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category to Coastal Waters in Louisiana (LAG290000) and Texas (TXG290000)**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6.

**ACTION:** Modification of General Administrative Compliance Order.

**SUMMARY:** Region 6 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today modifies the General Administrative Compliance Order that was issued January 9, 1995, at 60 FR 2393. This Order is modified to add as respondents to the Order those permittees subject to General NPDES Permit Nos. LAG290000 and TXG290000 who discharge produced water from new Coastal, Stripper or Offshore Subcategory wells to "coastal" waters of Texas or Louisiana which will be spudded after the effective date of NPDES permits LAG290000 and TXG290000 and which discharge produced water through existing facilities that are required by this Order to cease produced water discharges no later than January 1, 1997.

**DATES:** The General Administrative Compliance Order will become effective on March 7, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Notifications required by this Order should be sent to the Water Management Division, Enforcement Branch (6W-EA), EPA Region 6 P.O. Box 50625, Dallas, Texas 75202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Ellen Caldwell, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202; telephone: (214) 665-7513.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The General Administrative Compliance

Order being modified today was originally issued January 9, 1995 and published in the Federal Register at 60 FR 2393 with an effective date of February 8, 1995. After the Order was issued, the Region received information that a number of new wells are planned to be drilled in the near future in existing fields in Louisiana and Texas. The discharge of produced water associated with these new wells is not currently covered by the Order. These wells are ones which will discharge their produced water through existing treatment/discharge facilities that are required by the Order to cease discharge of produced water no later than January 1, 1997. Individual wells of this type cannot normally justify a separate injection well for a single production well. If the Order was not modified, it was claimed that oil and gas drilling in coastal Louisiana and Texas would be delayed until the planned injection facilities are in place, which in some cases may be nearly 2 years. The Region has agreed to modify the Order to allow coverage of produced water discharges from those new wells.

Those permittees who have already submitted an "Administrative Order Notice" in connection with the General Administrative Compliance Order issued January 9, 1995 do not need to resubmit an Administrative Order Notice to be covered by today's modified Order.

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 in Re: NPDES Permit Nos. LAG290000 and TXG290000 General Administrative Compliance Order

The following Findings are made and Order issued pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by Section 309(a)(3) of the Clean Water Act (hereinafter "the Act"), 33 U.S.C. 1319(a)(3), and duly delegated to the Regional Administrator, Region 6, and duly redelegated to the undersigned Director, Water Management Division, Region 6. Failure to comply with the interim requirements established in this ORDER constitutes a violation of this ORDER and the NPDES permits.

**Findings**

I

The term "waters of the United States" is defined at 40 C.F.R. 122.2. The term "coastal" is defined in NPDES Permits LAG290000 and TXG290000 and includes facilities which would be considered "Onshore" but for the decision in *API v. EPA* 661 F.2 340 (5th Cir. 1981). The term "existing well"

means a well spudded prior to the effective date of NPDES Permits LAG290000 and TXG290000. The term "new well" means a well spudded after the effective date of NPDES Permits LAG290000 and TXG290000 whose associated produced water will be discharged through an existing treatment/discharge facility required by this Order to cease discharge of produced water no later than January 1, 1997.

## II

Pursuant to the authority of Section 402(a)(1) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, Region 6 issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits No. LAG290000 and TXG290000 with an effective date of February 8, 1995. These permits prohibit the discharge of produced water and produced sand derived from Oil and Gas Point Source Category facilities to "coastal" waters of Louisiana and Texas in accordance with effluent limitations and other conditions set forth in Parts I and II of these permits. Facilities covered by these permits include those in the Coastal Subcategory (40 CFR 435, Subpart D), the Stripper Subcategory (40 CFR 435, Subpart F) that discharge to "coastal" waters of Louisiana and Texas, and the Offshore Subcategory (40 CFR 435, Subpart A) which discharge to "coastal" waters of Louisiana and Texas.

## III

Respondents herein are permittees subject to General NPDES Permit Nos. LAG290000 and/or TXG290000 and who:

A. Discharge produced water derived from an existing Coastal, Stripper or Offshore Subcategory well or wells to "coastal" waters of Texas or Louisiana, or will discharge produced water derived from a new Coastal, Stripper or Offshore Subcategory well or wells to "coastal" waters of Texas or Louisiana.

B. Discharge produced water derived from an existing Coastal Subcategory well or wells located in Louisiana or Texas to waters of the United States outside Louisiana or Texas "coastal" waters, or will discharge produced water derived from a new Coastal Subcategory well or wells located in Louisiana or Texas to waters of the United States outside Louisiana or Texas "coastal" waters.

C. Are required by Permits No. LAG290000 or TXG290000 to meet the requirement of No Discharge of produced water and are taking affirmative steps to meet that requirement.

D. Have submitted an "Administrative Order Notice". Such Notices shall be sent to: Enforcement Branch (6W-EA), Region 6, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 50625, Dallas, TX 75270. Upon submission of such an Administrative Order Notice, a permittee shall be a Respondent under this General Administrative Order. The terms of each Administrative Order Notice submitted shall be considered terms of this Order and shall be enforceable against the Respondent submitting the Administrative Order Notice. Each Administrative Order Notice must include:

1. Identification of the facility by name and its location (by lease, lease block, field or prospect name), the name and address of its operator, and the name, address and telephone number of a contact person.

2. A certification signed by a person meeting the requirements of Part II, Section D.9 (Signatory Requirements) of Permits LAG290000 and TXG290000 stating that a Compliance Plan has been prepared for the facility in accordance with this Order. A copy of this plan shall not be included with the Administrative Order Notice, but shall be made available to EPA upon request.

3. A Compliance Plan shall include a description of the measures to be taken, along with a schedule, to cease discharge of produced water to waters of the United States as expeditiously as possible.

## IV

To maintain oil and gas production and comply with the permits' prohibition on the discharge of produced water, a significant number of Respondents will have to reinject their produced water. A lack of access to the finite number of existing Class II disposal wells, state UIC permit writers, and drilling contractors may cause non-compliance for a significant number of Respondents. In addition, time will be required for some Respondents to reroute produced water collection lines to transport the produced water to injection wells.

## V

Respondents may reasonably perform all actions necessary to cease their discharges of produced water no later than January 1, 1997.

## VI

For new wells as defined by this ORDER, coverage under this ORDER shall begin immediately after the discharge of the associated produced water begins.

## Order

Based on the foregoing Findings, *it is ordered* That Respondents:

A. Fully comply with all conditions of NPDES Permits No. LAG290000 and TXG290000 except for the prohibition on the discharge of produced water and except for the requirement that all discharges of produced water be reported within twenty-four hours.

B. Complete all activities necessary to attain full and continuous compliance with NPDES Permits No. LAG290000 and TXG290000 as soon as possible, but in no case later than January 1, 1997.

C. Operate and maintain all existing pollution control equipment, including existing oil/water separation equipment, in such a manner as to minimize the discharge of pollutants contained in produced water at all times until such time as respondents cease their discharges of produced water.

D. Submit notice to the Water Enforcement Branch of EPA Region 6 when produced water discharges subject to this Order have ceased.

E. Subject to NPDES Permit LAG290000 comply at all times with Part I. Section C.1.b of said permit, requiring that Respondents meet any more stringent requirements contained in Louisiana Water Quality Regulation, LAC: 33,IX,7.708.

Nothing herein shall preclude additional enforcement action.

The effective date of this ORDER shall be March 7, 1995.

Dated: February 24, 1995.

Myron O. Knudson,

Director, Water Management Division (6W).

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## EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

[Public Notice 23]

### Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Export-Import Bank.

**ACTION:** In accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Eximbank has submitted a proposed collection of information in the form of a survey to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

**PURPOSE:** The proposed Export-Import Bank Questionnaire of City/State Partners to exporters and banks is to be completed by U.S. banks and exporters familiar with Eximbank's programs as a means of providing an evaluation of the effectiveness, utility, strengths and weaknesses of, and means to improve