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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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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"