

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Notice of Availability of Draft National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges at Hydroelectric Generating Facilities in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and Indian Lands in the State of Massachusetts****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Draft NPDES General Permits MAG360000 and NHG360000.

**SUMMARY:** The Director of the Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency-Region 1, is today providing notice of availability of the Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for specific discharges at Hydroelectric Generating Facilities to certain waters of the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and Indian Lands in the State of Massachusetts. This draft general permit establishes Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements, effluent limitations, standards, prohibitions, and best management practices for classes of discharges at hydroelectric generating facilities.

Owners and/or operators of hydroelectric generating facilities with discharges, including those facilities currently authorized to discharge under individual NPDES permits, will be encouraged to submit an NOI to EPA-Region 1 to be covered by the general permit and will receive a written notification from EPA of permit coverage and authorization to discharge under one of the general permits. The eligibility requirements are discussed in detail in the fact sheet and in the general permit. This general permit does not cover new sources as defined under 40 CFR 122.2.

**DATES:** Comments must be received or postmarked by midnight on December 29, 2003. Interested persons may submit comments on the draft general permit as part of the administrative record to the EPA-Region 1 at the address given below. Within the comment period, interested persons may also request in writing a public hearing pursuant to 40 CFR 124.12 concerning the draft general permit. All public comments or requests for a public hearing must be submitted to the address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be hand delivered or mailed to: EPA-

Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection (CPE), 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023 and also sent via e-mail to [wandle.bill@ep.gov](mailto:wandle.bill@ep.gov). No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. The draft permit is based on an administrative record available for public review at EPA-Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection (CPE), 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023. Copies of information in the record are available upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional information concerning the draft permit may be obtained between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays from: William Wandle, Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CPE), Boston, MA 02114-2023, telephone: 617-918-1605, email: [wandle.bill@epa.gov](mailto:wandle.bill@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The draft general permit may be viewed over the Internet via the EPA-Region 1 web site for dischargers in Massachusetts at <http://www.epa.gov/ne/npdes/mass.html> and for dischargers in New Hampshire at <http://www.epa.gov/ne/npdes/newhampshire.html>. The draft general permit includes the standard permit conditions in Part II, the Best Management Practices Plan in Part III, and the fact sheet which sets forth principal facts and the significant factual, legal, and policy questions considered in the development of the draft permit. To obtain a paper copy of the documents, please contact William Wandle using the contact information provided above. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying requests.

When the general permit is issued, the notice of final issuance will be published in the **Federal Register**. The general permit shall be effective on the date specified in the notice of final issuance of the general permit published in the **Federal Register** and it will expire five years from the effective date.

Dated: November 17, 2003.

**Ira W. Leighton,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 1.*

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**EXPORT-IMPORT BANK****Notice of Open Special Meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank)**

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee was established by Pub. L. 98-181, November 30, 1983, to advise the Export-Import Bank on its programs and to provide comments for inclusion in the reports of the Export-Import Bank of the United States to Congress.

*Time and Place:* Thursday, December 18, 2003, at 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in the Main Conference Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

*Agenda:* Agenda items include briefing of the Advisory Committee members on their responsibilities and discussion of the Advisory Committee Theme—"What fundamental changes in products and approaches need to be made to better serve middle market exporters?"

*Public Participation:* The meeting will be open to public participation, and the last 10 minutes will be set aside for oral questions or comments. Members of the public may also file written statement(s) before or after the meeting. If any person wishes auxiliary aids (such as a sign language interpreter) or other special accommodations, please contact, prior to December 11, 2003, Teri Stumpf, Room 1203, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571, Voice: (202) 565-3542 or TDD (202) 565-3377.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teri Stumpf, Room 1203, 811 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20571, (202) 565-3502.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission for Extension Under Delegated Authority**

November 19, 2003.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as