

SWMP, including an electronic version of the information. This shall be also submitted to the address specified above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional information concerning the permit may be obtained between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from: Sergio Bosques, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, Centro Europa Building, Suite 417, 1492 Ponce de Leon Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907-4127; telephone: 787-977-5838; e-mail: [bosques.sergio@epa.gov](mailto:bosques.sergio@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Statutory and Regulatory History**

Section 405 of the Water Quality Act of 1987 (WQA) added section 402(p) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), which directed EPA to develop a phased approach to regulate storm water discharges under the NPDES program. EPA published a final regulation on the second phase of this program on December 9, 1999, in the **Federal Register**, establishing permit application requirements for "storm water discharges associated with municipal separate storm sewer systems in urbanized areas".

EPA believes that this Phase 2 rule provides consistency in terms of program coverage and requirements for existing and newly designated sources. For example, the rule includes most of the municipal donut holes, those MS4s located in incorporated places, townships or towns with a population under 100,000 that are within Phase I counties. These MS4s were not addressed by the NPDES storm water program until the Phase 2 rule while MS4s in the surrounding county are addressed. In addition, the minimum control measures required in the Phase 2 rule for regulated small MS4s are very similar to a number of the permit requirements for medium and large MS4s under the storm water program. Following the Phase 2 rule, permit requirements for all regulated MS4s will require implementation of BMPs.

*Organization of Today's Permit*

Today's permit covers storm water discharges from a wide variety of conveyances and/or systems within urbanized areas in Puerto Rico. Because the conditions which affect the presence of pollutants in storm water discharges vary among urbanized areas and watersheds, today's general permit provides broad discretion to the permittee to develop and implement a

storm water management program and meet permit conditions. EPA believes that the flexibility provided in today's general permit facilitates watershed planning and compliance. Today's permit requires storm sewer system map, regulatory mechanism to prevent illicit discharges, plan to detect and address non-storm water discharges, education and measurable goals.

**B. Executive Order 12866**

EPA has determined that this general permit is not a "significant regulatory action" under the terms of Executive Order 12866 and is therefore not subject to OMB review.

**C. Paperwork Reduction Act**

EPA has reviewed the requirements imposed on regulated facilities resulting from the final construction general permit under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* The information collection requirements of this proposed permit are similar to other Regional general permits which were previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, and assigned OMB control numbers. However, information collection requirements of this proposed small municipal separate storm sewer system general permit will be submitted to OMB for review and approval and will be published in a **Federal Register** notice.

**D. Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, requires that EPA prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis for rules subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b) that have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The permit issued today, however, is not a "rule" subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b) and is therefore not subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

**E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act**

Section 201 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), Public Law 104-4, generally requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their "regulatory actions" (defined to be the same as "rules" subject to the RFA) on State and local governments and the private sector. The permit issued today, however, is not a "rule" subject to the RFA and is therefore not subject to the requirements of UMRA.

**Authority:** Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*

Dated: September 21, 2006.

**Carl-Axel P. Soderberg,**

*Director, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Region 2.*

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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting Notice**

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 10 a.m.

**PLACE:** 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC (Ninth Floor).

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public.

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

Correction and Approval of Minutes.

Advisory Opinion 2006-30: ActBlue, by Jonathan Zucker, Senior Strategist and Counsel.

Management and Administrative Matters.

**PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:**

Mr. Robert Biersack, Press Officer.

**Mary W. Dove,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD**

**Sunshine Act Meeting Notice;  
Announcing an Open Meeting of the  
Board of Directors**

**TIME AND DATE:** The open meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2006.

**PLACE:** Board Room, First Floor, Federal Housing Finance Board, 1625 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**STATUS:** The meeting will be open to the public.

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE OPEN**

**PORTION:** *Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago Request to Redeem Excess Stock.*

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Shelia Willis, Paralegal Specialist, Office of General Counsel, at 202-408-2876 or [williss@fhfb.gov](mailto:williss@fhfb.gov).

Dated: November 8, 2006.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

**John P. Kennedy,**

*General Counsel.*

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