Proposed Land Exchange for the Purpose of Construction of a Road between Communities of King Cove and Cold Bay, USACE Section 10 and 404 Permits, AK, Comment Period Ends: 05/18/2012, Contact: Stephanie Brady 907–786–3357.


EIS No. 20120083, Final Supplement, BLM, NV, Upper Las Vegas Wash Conservation Transfer Area (CTA), Propose to Establish a Final Boundary, Implementation, Clark County, NV, Review Period Ends: 04/30/2012, Contact: Gayle Marrs-Smith 702–515–5156.


EIS No. 20120087, Draft EIS, USFS, OR, Eden Ridge Timber Sales, Implementation, Powers Ranger District, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Coos County, OR, Comment Period Ends: 05/14/2012, Contact: Wesley Crum 541–439–6200.

EIS No. 20120088, Second Draft EIS (Tiering), FHWA, IL, TIER 2—Elgin O’Hare—West Bypass, Extending the Planning Period from 2030 to 2040, Federal Approvals and Funding, Cook and DuPage Counties, IL, Comment Period Ends: 05/14/2012, Contact: Norman Stoner 217–492–4600.

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration are Joint Lead agencies for this project.


The U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force are Joint Lead agencies for this project.


EIS No. 20120092, Final EIS, USACE, LA, Louisiana Coastal Area Barataria Basin Barrier Shoreline Restoration, To Restore the Barrier Shoreline Ecosystem and Significantly Reduce the Loss of Estuarine and Freshwater Wetlands, Caminada Headland in Lafourche and Jefferson Parishes and Shell Islands in Plaquemines Parish, LA, Review Period Ends: 04/30/2012, Contact: Dr. William P. Klein, Jr. 504–862–2540.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20110440, Revised Draft EIS, USFS, ID, Idaho Panhandle National Forests, Land Management Plan, Revises the 1987 Forest Plan, Implementation, Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone Counties, ID and Pend Oreille County, WA, Comment Period Ends: 05/07/2012, Contact: Mary Farnsworth 208–765–7223. Revision to FR Notice Published 01/13/2012; Extending Comment Period from 04/04/2012 to 05/07/2012.

EIS No. 20110441, Revised Draft EIS, USFS, MT, Kootenai National Forest Land Management Plan, Revises the 1987 Forest Plan, Implementation, Lincoln, Sanders, Flathead Counties, MT and Boundary and Boundary Counties, ID, Comment Period Ends: 04/04/2012, Contact: Paul Bradford 406–293–6211. Revision to FR Notice Published 01/06/2012; Extending Comment Period from 04/04/2012 to 05/07/2012.

EIS No. 20120028, Draft EIS, USACE, CA, Clearwater Program, To Meet the Wastewater Management Needs of the Joint Outfall System (JOS) Through the Year 2050, Near San Pedro, Section 404 Permit, Los Angeles County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 04/10/2012, Contact: Dr. Aaron O. Allen 805–585–2148. Revision to FR Notice Published 2/10/2012; Comment Period Ends 04/10/2012.

Dated: March 27, 2012.
Cliff Rader,
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9650–8]
Draft NPDES General Permit for Discharges From the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category to Coastal Waters in Texas (TXG330000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposal of NPDES General Permit Renewal.

SUMMARY: EPA Region 6 today proposes a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit regulating discharges from oil and gas wells in the Coastal Subcategory in Texas and in the Stripper Subcategory which discharge into coastal waters in Texas.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 14, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Ms. Diane Smith (6WQ–NP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733.

Comments may also be submitted via EMAIL to the following address: smith.diane@epa.gov.

Public Meeting/Public Hearing Information

A public meeting and a public hearing on the proposed permit will be held at the times and place below. The meeting will include a presentation on the proposed permit followed by the opportunity for questions and answers. The public hearing will be held in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 124.12. At the public hearing, any person may submit oral or written
statements and data concerning the proposed permit. Any person who cannot attend the public hearing may still submit written comments, which have the same weight as comments made at the public hearing, through the end of the public comment period.

Date: April 11, 2012.

Time: Public meeting starts at 2 p.m. and public hearing starts at 3:30 p.m.

Place: Houston Marriott South Hobby Airport, Galveston Room, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Diane Smith, Region 6, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733. Telephone: (214) 665–2145.

A complete draft permit and a fact sheet more fully explaining the proposal may be obtained online from the Web site below or from Ms. Smith. In addition, the Agency’s current administrative record on the proposal is available for examination at the Region’s Dallas offices during normal working hours after providing Ms. Smith 24 hours advance notice. A copy of the proposed permit, fact sheet, and this Federal Register Notice may be found on the EPA Region 6 Web site at: http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/npdes/genpermit/index.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The permit prohibits the discharge of drilling fluid, drill cuttings, produced sand and well treatment, completion and workover fluids. Discharges of dewatering effluents from reserve pits are also proposed to be prohibited. Produced water discharges are prohibited, except from wells in the Stripper Subcategory located east of the 98th meridian whose produced water comes from the Carrizo/Willcox, Reklaw or Bartosh formations in Texas as authorized by the expiring permit. The discharge of deck drainage, formation test fluids, sanitary waste, domestic waste and miscellaneous discharges is authorized. More stringent requirements are proposed to regulate discharges to water quality-impaired waterbodies. Pursuant to the section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), requirements for new facilities are also proposed in this permit. Major changes also include definition of “operator”, acute toxicity test for produced water, spill prevention best management practices, and electronic reporting requirements. Proposed changes and rationales for those changes are described in the fact sheet. To obtain discharge authorization, operators of such facilities must submit a new Notice of Intent (NOI). To determine whether your facility, company, business, organization, etc. is regulated by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability criteria in Part I, Section A.1 of this permit. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the preceding FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

Other Legal Requirements

A. State Certification

Under section 401(a)(1) of the CWA, EPA may not issue an NPDES permit until the State in which the discharge will occur grants or waives certification to ensure compliance with appropriate requirements of the CWA and State law. EPA will seek certification from the Railroad Commission of Texas prior to issuing a final permit.

B. Coastal Zone Management Act

The Coastal Zone Management Act and its implementing regulations (15 CFR 930) require that any Federally licensed or permitted activity affecting the coastal zone of a state with an approved Coastal Zone Management Program be consistent with that Program. EPA has concluded, based on the conditions, limitations and prohibitions of this permit that the discharges associated with this permit are consistent with the Texas Coastal Management Program goals and policies. EPA previously received a consistency determination from the Texas Coastal Coordination Council on February 7, 2007. EPA is seeking a consistency determination prior to issuing this permit reissuance.

C. National Environmental Policy Act

EPA’s regulations at 40 CFR part 6, subpart F, which implement the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C., 4331, et seq., provide the procedures for carrying out the NEPA environmental review process for the issuance of new source NPDES permits. The purpose of this review process is to determine if any significant environmental impacts are anticipated by issuance of NPDES permits authorizing discharges from new sources. EPA prepared an environmental assessment (EA) in accordance with 40 CFR 6.604 when the previous permit was drafted. EPA is working on a supplemental information report (SIR) and tentatively determines, based on information available, that there will be no significant impact as the result of reissuing this permit. EPA will make the final permit on EPA’s Web site http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/npdes/genpermit/index.htm when it becomes available prior to the reissuance of the final permit.

D. Endangered Species Act

When EPA issued the previous Permit TXG330000, effective October 21, 1993, covering existing sources, but not New Sources, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) concurred with EPA’s finding that the permit was unlikely to adversely affect any threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. EPA issued Permit TXG290000, effective February 8, 1995, the Service also concurred with EPA’s finding that the permit was unlikely to adversely affect any threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. The Region found that adding New Source coverage to the permit is also unlikely to adversely affect any threatened or endangered species or its critical habitat. EPA received written concurrence from the FWS on May 2, 2001, and from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on May 1, 2001, on that determination. EPA proposes to add more requirements, such as characterization study for produced water, intake velocity limit for cooling water intake structures from new facilities, and etc., to the current permit. EPA has been working on a biological evaluation (BE) update to evaluate the effects of this permitting action on federally listed endangered and threatened species.

E. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

The 1996 amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act set forth a new mandate to identify and protect important marine and anadromous fisheries habitats. The purpose of addressing habitat in this act is to further the goal of maintaining sustainable fisheries. Guidance and procedures for implementing these amendments are contained in National Marine Fisheries Service regulations (50 CFR 600.805–600.930). These regulations specify that any Federal agency that authorizes or proposes to authorize an activity which would adversely affect an Essential Fish Habitat is subject to the consultation provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The Texas Coastal Subcategory areas covered by this general permit include Essential Fish Habitat designated under the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

The Region previously found that issuance of the general permit would be unlikely to adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat. EPA received written
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FR–9654–5]

Proposed CERCLA Administrative Settlement; George L. Gomez and Patricia A. Gomez.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement for the Terrible Mine Site, Isle Mining District, Custer County, Colorado with George L. Gomez and Patricia A. Gomez based upon an inability to pay settlement. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling party pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), and provides that the settling parties will sign and execute an environmental covenant on the Site. For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The agency’s response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the EPA Region 8 Records Center, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at the EPA Region 8 Records Center, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from John Works, EPA Technical Enforcement Officer, EPA Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202. 303.312.6196. Comments should reference the Terrible Mine Site, Isle Mining District, Custer County, Colorado and EPA Docket No. 08–2012–0003 and should be addressed to John Works, EPA Technical Enforcement Officer, EPA Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Works, EPA Technical Enforcement Officer, EPA Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202, 303–312–6196.


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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before May 29, 2012. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.