

(1) Observance: of the 20th Anniversary of EO 12898 on Environmental Justice; (2) Fundamentals of Equitable Development; (3) Leveraging Resources for Community Capacity; (4) Agency Efforts on Sustainability and Equitable Development; and (5) Climate Resiliency and Environmental Justice. In addition, the meeting will include updates from several NEJAC work groups, as well as discussions about the NEJAC work plan for 2014–2015.

#### A. Public Comment

Individuals or groups making oral presentations during the public comment periods will be limited to a total time of five minutes. To accommodate the large number of people who want to address the NEJAC, only one representative of an organization or group will be allowed to speak. If time permits, multiple representatives from the same organization can provide comment at the end of the session. In addition, those who did not sign up in advance to give public comment can sign up on site. The suggested format for written public comments is as follows: Name of Speaker; Name of Organization/Community; City and State; Email address; and a brief description of the concern and what you want the NEJAC to advise EPA to do. Written comments received by Noon, Mountain Time, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, will be included in the materials distributed to the members of the NEJAC. Written comments received after that date and time will be provided to the NEJAC as time allows. All information should be sent to the mailing address, email address, or fax number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

#### B. Information About Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information about access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Jasmin Muriel, at (202) 564–4287 or via email at [Muriel.Jasmin@EPA.gov](mailto:Muriel.Jasmin@EPA.gov). To request special accommodations for a disability, please contact Ms. Muriel at least four working days prior to the meeting, to give EPA sufficient time to process your request. All requests should be sent to the address, email, or phone/fax number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Dated: January 16, 2014.

**Victoria J. Robinson,**

*Designated Federal Officer, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9905–85–Region 10]

### Proposed Issuance of the NPDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Geotechnical Surveying and Related Activities in Federal Waters of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On November 22, 2013, EPA provided public notice on the proposed issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Oil and Gas Geotechnical Surveys and Related Activities in Federal Waters of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas (Permit No. AKG–28–4300), and established a comment deadline of January 27, 2014, (78 FR 70042). On January 15, 2014, the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission requested a 30-day extension to the comment period. In response to that request, EPA is extending the comment period for an additional 23 days, from January 27, 2014 to February 19, 2014.

**DATES:** *Comments.* The public comment period for the draft Geotechnical General Permit is extended as of the date of publication of this Notice until February 19, 2014. Comments must be received or post-marked by no later than midnight Pacific Standard Time on February 19, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods. EPA will consider all comments received during the public comment period prior to making its final decision.

*Mail:* Send paper comments to Erin Seyfried, Office of Water and Watersheds, Mail Stop OWW–130, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101–3140.

*Email:* Send electronic comments to [R10geotechpermit@epa.gov](mailto:R10geotechpermit@epa.gov).

*Fax:* Fax comments to the attention of Erin Seyfried at (206) 553–0165.

*Hand Delivery/Courier:* Deliver comments to Erin Seyfried, Office of Water and Watersheds, Mail Stop OWW–130, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101–3140. Call (206) 553–0523 before delivery to verify business hours.

*Viewing and/or Obtaining Copies of Documents.* A copy of the draft Geotechnical General Permit and the Fact Sheet, which explains the proposal in detail, may be obtained by contacting EPA at 1 (800) 424–4372. Copies of the documents are also available for viewing and downloading at:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/npdes+permits/DraftPermitsAK>  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/npdes+permits/arctic-gp>.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for other document viewing locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Seyfried, Office of Water and Watersheds, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Mail Stop OWW–130, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101–3140, (206) 553–1448, [seyfried.erin@epa.gov](mailto:seyfried.erin@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Fact Sheet describes the types of facilities and the discharges proposed to be authorized by the Geotechnical General Permit; the proposed effluent limits and other conditions; maps and descriptions of the proposed Area of Coverage; and a summary of the supporting technical materials.

*Document Viewing Locations.* The draft Geotechnical General Permit and Fact Sheet may also be viewed at the following locations:

(1) EPA Region 10 Library, Park Place Building, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101; (206) 553–1289.

(2) EPA Region 10, Alaska Operations Office, 222 W 7th Avenue, #19, Room 537, Anchorage, AK 99513; (907) 271–5083.

(3) DEC Anchorage Office, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK 99501; (907) 269–7235.

(4) Z. J. Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK 99503; (907) 343–2975.

(5) North Slope Borough School District Library/Media Center, Pouch 169, 829 Aivak Street, Barrow, AK 99723; (907) 852–5311.

EPA's current administrative record for the draft Geotechnical General Permit is available for review at the EPA Region 10 Office, Park Place Building, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact Erin Seyfried at [seyfried.erin@epa.gov](mailto:seyfried.erin@epa.gov) or (206) 553–1448.

*Oil Spill Requirements.* Section 311 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321, prohibits the discharge of oil and hazardous materials in harmful quantities. Discharges authorized under the Geotechnical General Permit are excluded from the provisions of CWA Section 311, 33 U.S.C. 1321. However, the Geotechnical General Permit will not preclude the institution of legal action, or relieve the permittees from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties for other unauthorized discharges of oil and hazardous materials, which are covered by Section 311.

*Executive Order 12866.* The Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

exempts this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to Section 6 of that order.

*Paperwork Reduction Act.* EPA has reviewed the requirements imposed on regulated facilities in the Geotechnical General Permit and finds them consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

*Regulatory Flexibility Act.* Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq., a federal agency must prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis “for any proposed rule” for which the agency “is required by section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), or any other law, to publish general notice of proposed rulemaking.” The RFA exempts from this requirement any rule that the issuing agency certifies “will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.” EPA has concluded that NPDES general permits are permits, not rulemakings, under the APA and thus not subject to APA rulemaking requirements or the FRA. Notwithstanding that general permits are not subject to the RFA, EPA has determined that the Geotechnical General Permit will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. This determination is based on the fact that the regulated companies are not classified as small businesses under the Small Business Administration regulations established at 49 FR 5023 et seq. (February 9, 1984). These facilities are classified as Major Group 13—Oil and Gas Extraction SIC 1311 Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas.

**Authority:** This action is taken under the authority of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1342. I hereby provide notice that the public comment period for the draft Geotechnical General Permit is extended until February 19, 2014, in accordance with 40 CFR 124.10 and 124.13.

Dated: January 16, 2014.

**Daniel D. Opalski,**

*Director, Office of Water and Watersheds, Region 10.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by *February 26, 2014*.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395-5806 or Email: *OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov*.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>.
2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to *Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov*.

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term “collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Imposition of Cost Sharing Charges Under Medicaid and Supporting Regulations; *Use:* The purpose of this collection is to ensure that states impose nominal cost sharing charges upon categorically and medically needy individuals as allowed by law and implementing regulations. States must identify in their state plan the service for which the charge is made, the amount of the charge, the basis for determining the charge, the basis for determining whether an individual is unable to pay the charge and the way in which the individual will be identified to providers, and the procedures for implementing and enforcing the exclusions from cost sharing. The template has been revised and is being released for this 30-day comment period before it is submitted to OMB for review/approval under CMS-10398 (OCN: 0938-1148). While CMS seeks to roll the template under CMS-10398, it also seeks to discontinue CMS-R-53 to avoid duplicating requirements and burden; *Form Number:* CMS-R-53 (OCN: 0938-0429); *Frequency:* Occasionally; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 51; *Total Annual Responses:* 2; *Total Annual Hours:* 20 (For policy questions