

Also, in today's notice, EPA is informing interested persons that they may request a public hearing on EPA's action to approve the State of Alaska's request to revise its authorized public water system program under 40 CFR part 142, in accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(f). Requests for a hearing must be submitted to EPA within 30 days of publication of today's **Federal Register** notice. Such requests should include the following information:

(1) The name, address and telephone number of the individual, organization or other entity requesting a hearing;

(2) A brief statement of the requesting person's interest in EPA's determination, a brief explanation as to why EPA should hold a hearing, and any other information that the requesting person wants EPA to consider when determining whether to grant the request;

(3) The signature of the individual making the request, or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

In the event a hearing is requested and granted, EPA will provide notice of the hearing in the **Federal Register** not less than 15 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for hearing may be denied by EPA. Following such a public hearing, EPA will review the record of the hearing and issue an order either affirming today's determination or rescinding such determination. If no timely request for a hearing is received and granted, EPA's approval of the State of Alaska's request to revise its part 142—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation program to allow electronic reporting will become effective 30 days after today's notice is published, pursuant to CROMERR section 3.1000(f)(4).

Matthew Leopard,

Director, Office of Information Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9960-16-Region 1]

Notice of Availability of Final NPDES General Permits for Discharges From Potable Water Treatment Facilities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire: The Potable Water Treatment Facility General Permit (PWTF GP)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final NPDES General Permits MAG640000 and NHG640000.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—Region 1, is providing a notice of availability of the final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits (GP) for discharges from potable water treatment facilities (PWTFs) to certain waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of New Hampshire. The final General Permits establish Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements, effluent limitations, standard and special conditions, prohibitions, and best management practices (BMPs) for sites with discharges from potable water treatment facilities. These General Permits replace the previous PWTF GP that expired on October 2, 2014.

DATES: The General Permits shall be effective on March 6, 2017 and will expire five (5) years from the effective date. In accordance with 40 CFR part 23, this permit shall be considered issued for the purpose of judicial review on March 20, 2017. Under section 509(b) of the Clean Water Act, judicial review can be had by filing a petition for review in the United States Court of Appeals within 120 days after the permit is considered issued for purposes of judicial review. Under section 509(b)(2) of the Clean Water Act, the requirements in this permit may not be challenged later in civil or criminal proceedings to enforce these requirements. In addition, this permit may not be challenged in other agency proceedings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the final General Permits may be obtained between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from Mark Voorhees, U.S. EPA—Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Mail Code OEP06-4, Boston, MA 02109-3912; telephone: 617-918-1537; email: voorhees.mark@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is reissuing two General Permits for wastewater discharges from potable water treatment facilities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, that are generally less than or equal to 1.0 million gallons per day (MGD) and that use one or more of the following treatment processes: Clarification, Coagulation, Media Filtration, Membrane filtration (not including reverse osmosis), and Disinfection. While the final General Permits are two

distinct permits, for convenience, EPA has grouped them together in a single document and has provided a single fact sheet. This document refers to the draft General "Permit" in the singular. The final General Permit, fact sheet, and appendices are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/pwtfgp.html>.

The final General Permit establishes Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements, effluent limitations and requirements based on technology-based considerations, best professional judgment (BPJ), and water quality considerations. The effluent limits established in the final General Permit assure that the surface water quality standards of the receiving water(s) are protected, attained, and/or maintained. The permit also contains BMP requirements in order to ensure EPA has the information necessary to ensure compliance and to ensure discharges meet water quality standards.

Obtaining Authorization: In order to obtain authorization to discharge, PWTF operators must submit a complete and accurate NOI containing the information in Appendix IV of the General Permit. This information shall be submitted to both EPA and the appropriate state, as described in Appendix IV. NOIs may be submitted to EPA electronically or via mail at the addresses provided below:

- (1) *Email:* pwtf.generalpermit@epa.gov, or
- (2) *Mail:* Mark Voorhees, U.S. EPA—Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Mail Code OEP06-4, Boston, MA 02109-3912.

All NOIs submitted to EPA after December 21, 2020 must be submitted electronically.

Facilities currently authorized to discharge under the Expired PWTF GP must submit a NOI within 90 days of the effective date of the final General Permit. Operators with new discharges must submit a NOI at least 60 days prior to initiating discharges and following the effective date of the final General Permit. Facilities with existing discharges that were not authorized under the Expired PWTF GP and which use aluminum in their treatment process must conduct more extensive water quality sampling data and submit this information with the NOI within 6 months of the effective date of the final General Permit.

Operators must meet the eligibility requirements of the General Permit prior to submission of a NOI. An operator will be authorized to discharge under the General Permit upon receipt of written notice from EPA following EPA's web posting of the submitted NOI. EPA will

authorize the discharge, request additional information, or require the operator to apply for an alternative permit or an individual permit.

Other Legal Requirements:

Endangered Species Act (ESA): EPA has updated the provisions and necessary actions and documentation related to potential impacts to endangered species from facilities seeking coverage under the PWTG GP. EPA has received concurrence from the National Marine Fisheries Service in connection with this General Permit.

In the fact sheet that accompanied the draft General Permit, EPA stated that we would seek concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding our determination of effect on endangered species under their jurisdiction. Following the release of the draft General Permit, EPA had discussions with USFWS on this matter. Based on discussions with USFWS, EPA has determined that this General Permit has “no effect.” The reason for this determination is because each Notice of Intent (NOI) that is submitted must assess site specific endangered species impacts using USFWS’ Information, Planning, and Conservation (IPac) Web site, available at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>. Based on the findings using this Web site, the applicant can either make a determination of impacts or if there are questions, seek input from USFWS directly. Since each NOI is individually screened prior to submission, the General Permit has no effect.

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA): In accordance with NHPA, EPA has established provisions and documentation requirements for sites seeking coverage under the PWTG GP to ensure that discharges or actions taken under this General Permit will not adversely affect historic properties and places.

Authority: This action is being taken under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*

Dated: March 9, 2017.

Deborah A. Szaro,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 1.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Adequacy Determination for the St. Louis Area 2008 8-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance State Implementation Plan, Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for Transportation Conformity Purposes; State of Missouri

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of adequacy determination.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is notifying the public that the St. Louis area 2008 8-hour ozone redesignation request and maintenance plan motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result, these budgets must be used by the State of Missouri for future transportation conformity determinations for the St. Louis area.

DATES: This document is effective April 24, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Hamilton, at (913) 551-7039, by email at Hamilton.heather@epa.gov, or by mail at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas 66219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document “we,” “us,” or “our” refer to EPA. The word “budget(s)” refers to the motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) for volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides. For the purposes of this document, “SIP” refers to the St. Louis Area 2008 8-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance State Implementation Plan, submitted by Missouri Department of Natural Resources to EPA as a SIP revision on September 12, 2016.

This document is an announcement of a finding that EPA has already made. EPA Region 7 sent a letter to Missouri Department of Natural Resources on December 21, 2016, stating that the MVEBs contained in the Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. As a result of EPA’s finding, the State of Missouri must use the MVEBs from the September 12, 2016, Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan or future transportation conformity determinations for the St. Louis area.

The finding is available at EPA’s conformity Web site: <https://www.epa.gov/state-and-local-transportation>.

Transportation conformity is required by section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990. EPA’s conformity rule requires that transportation plans, programs and projects conform to state air quality implementation plans and establishes the criteria and procedure for determining whether or not they do. Conformity to a SIP means that transportation activities will not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards.

The criteria by which we determine whether a SIP’s motor vehicle emission budgets are adequate for conformity purposes are outlined in 40 CFR 93.118(e)(4). Please note that an adequacy review is separate from EPA’s completeness review, and it should not be used to prejudge EPA’s ultimate approval of the SIP. EPA plans to take action on the SIP at a later date. We have described our process for determining the adequacy of submitted SIP budgets in 40 CFR 93.118(f), and have followed this rule in making our adequacy determination.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: March 20, 2017.

Edward H. Chu,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Board of Scientific Counselors Executive Committee; Notification of Public Teleconference and Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notification of public meeting and public comment.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hereby provides notice that the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee (EC) will host a public teleconference. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All times noted are Eastern Time and are approximate. The primary agenda items include: