

recommendations, advice letters, and reports to address specific program issues.

**Member Nominations:** Any interested person and/or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. The EPA values and welcomes diversity.

In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, the Agency encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

All nominations will be fully considered, but applicants need to be aware of the specific representation required by the SDWA for the upcoming vacancies: State and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply (two vacancies); private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply (two vacancies)—of which one such member shall be associated with small, rural public water systems; and the general public (five vacancies). Other criteria used to evaluate nominees will include:

- Demonstrated experience with drinking water issues at the national, state, or local level;
- Excellent interpersonal, oral, and written communication and consensus-building skills;
- Willingness to commit time to the Council and demonstrated ability to work constructively on committees;
- Absence of financial conflicts of interest;
- Absence of appearance of a lack of impartiality; and
- Background and experience that would help members contribute to the diversity of perspectives on the Council, e.g., geographic, economic, social, cultural, educational backgrounds, professional affiliations, and other considerations.

Nominations must include a resume, which provides the nominee's background, experience, and educational qualifications, as well as a brief statement (one page or less) describing the nominee's interest in serving on the Council and addressing the other criteria previously described. Nominees are encouraged to provide any additional information that they think would be useful for consideration, such as: Availability to participate as a member of the Council; how the nominee's background, skills, and experience would contribute to the diversity of the Council; and any concerns the nominee has regarding membership. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, current business address, email, and telephone number. Interested

candidates may self-nominate. The DFO will acknowledge receipt of nominations.

Persons selected for membership will receive compensation for travel and a nominal, daily compensation (if appropriate) while attending meetings. Additionally, all selected candidates will be designated as Special Government Employees (SGEs) and will be required to submit the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Environmental Protection Agency Special Government Employees" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form provides information to the EPA's ethics officials, to determine whether there is a conflict between the SGE's public duties and their private interests, including an appearance of a loss of impartiality as defined by federal laws and regulations. The form may be viewed and downloaded through the "Ethics Requirements" link on the EPA's NDWAC website at <https://www.epa.gov/ndwac>.

Other sources, in addition to this **Federal Register** notice, may also be utilized in the solicitation of nominees. To help the EPA in evaluating the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, please tell us how you learned of this opportunity.

Dated: April 24, 2018.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9977-57—Region 10]

### Re-issuance of a General NPDES Permit (GP) for Small Suction Dredges in Idaho

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10.

**ACTION:** Final reissuance of a general permit.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is reissuing a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (IDG370000) for small suction dredge operations in Idaho (intake nozzle size of 5 inches in diameter or a diametric equivalent or less and with equipment rated at 15 horsepower or less). EPA provided a public comment period from December 13, 2017, through January 29, 2018. EPA received many comments suggesting that the requirements of the GP are not stringent enough to meet the State of Idaho's

WQS while other comments challenged EPA's authority to issue a permit for this activity. Additional comments questioned the meaning of some permit requirements. A Response to Comments document was prepared to address the comments received and explains any changes made to the draft to produce the final permit.

**DATES:** The final CWA § 401

Certification from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is dated April 11, 2018.

The GP will be effective May 2, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the general permit, Fact Sheet and Response to Comments are available upon request. Written requests may be submitted to EPA, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155, OWW-191, Seattle, WA 98101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The above documents may be found on the EPA Region 10 website at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/npdes-general-permit-small-suction-dredge-placer-miners-idaho>. Requests may also be made to Cindi Godsey at (206) 553-1676. Requests may also be electronically mailed to: [godsey.cindi@epa.gov](mailto:godsey.cindi@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Executive Order 12866:* This action is not a significant regulatory action and was therefore not submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

Dated: April 25, 2018.

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Final 2016 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Final 2016 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan (Final 2016 Plan). Section 304(m) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires the EPA to biennially publish a plan for new and revised effluent limitations guidelines, after public review and comment. The Final 2016 Plan identifies any new or