

required to comply with applicable Corps requirements.

3. *Alternatives.* The EIS will address an array of alternatives for providing facilities suitable for the shipping and receiving of dry bulk goods (grains, ore, coal, etc.) and for handling rail traffic to the new facility. Alternatives analyzed during the investigation may include but are not limited to no-action, alternative sites, alternative methods for shipping and handling bulk goods, alternative facility designs, and alternatives for the railroad spur upgrades. Mitigation measures may include but are not limited to avoidance of sensitive areas, creation or enhancement of marine macroalgae beds, and creation, restoration, or enhancement of wetlands.

4. *Scoping Process.* The scoping period will continue for 120 days after publication of this Notice of Intent and will close on January 21, 2013. During the scoping period, the Corps invites Federal agencies, State and local governments, Native American Tribes, and the public to participate in the scoping process either by providing written comments or by attending the public scoping meetings scheduled at the time and location indicated below. Written comments will be considered in the preparation of the Draft EIS. Comments postmarked or received by email after the specified date will be considered to the extent feasible.

The purpose of scoping is to assist the Corps in defining issues, public concerns, and alternatives and the depth to which they will be evaluated in the EIS. The Corps has prepared project information documents to familiarize agencies, Tribes, the public, and interested organizations with the proposed projects and potential environmental issues. Copies of the documents will be available at the public meeting and at the Web site [www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov](http://www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov) or can be requested by contacting the Corps, Seattle District, as described above. Corps' representatives will answer scope-related questions and accept comments at public scoping meetings.

a. Public scoping meetings will be held to present an overview of the GPT and Custer Spur projects and to afford all parties an opportunity to provide comments regarding the range of actions, alternatives, and potential impacts. The public scoping meetings will be held as follows:

At Squalicum High School, 3773 East McLeod Road, Bellingham, Washington 98226-7728 on Saturday, October 27, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At Friday Harbor High School, 45 Blair Avenue, Friday Harbor, Washington 98250 on Saturday, November 3, 2012, from 12 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At McIntyre Hall, 2501 East College Way, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273 on Monday, November 5, 2012, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At North Seattle Community College, 9600 College Way North, Seattle, Washington 98103 on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At Ferndale Events Center, 5715 Barrett Road, Ferndale, Washington 98248 on Thursday, November 29, 2012, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At Spokane County Fairgrounds, 404 North Havana Street, Spokane Valley, Washington 99202 on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At Clark College, Graiser Student Center, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, Washington 98663 on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

During the scoping period, a continuous "on-line scoping meeting" will be hosted on the EIS Web site at [www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov](http://www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov).

b. Potentially significant issues to be analyzed in the EIS include but are not limited to project-specific and cumulative effects on navigation (e.g., vessel traffic and navigational safety); marine aquatic habitats, including State-designated aquatic reserves; marine aquatic species, including Endangered Species Act listed species and Washington State species of concern; Tribal treaty rights; wetland and riparian habitat and wildlife; railroad and vehicle traffic; cultural, historic, and archeological resources; air and water quality; noise; recreation; land use; and aesthetics.

c. The Corps will serve as the lead agency for compliance with NEPA, and Whatcom County Planning and Development Services (the County) and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) will serve as the lead agencies for compliance with SEPA. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Coast Guard will serve as cooperating agencies under NEPA. The Corps will consult with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer and applicable Tribes to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service to comply with the Endangered Species Act; the National Marine Fisheries Service to comply with the Essential Fish Habitat provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act; and applicable Tribes to comply with treaty provisions on fishing rights.

d. Development of the draft EIS will begin after the close of the scoping period. The draft EIS is currently scheduled to be available for public review and comment in January 2014.

e. A 120-day public review period will be provided for all interested parties, individuals, and agencies to review and comment on the draft EIS. All interested parties are encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified when the draft EIS is issued.

f. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release, as appropriate, in their entirety, including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses if included in the comment.

Dated: September 4, 2012.

**Bruce A. Estok,**

*Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

**RIN 0710-AA71**

#### Reissuance of Nationwide Permits

**AGENCY:** Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Final notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published a document in the **Federal Register** of February 21, 2012, a final notice concerning the reissuance of nationwide permits. On March 19, 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published a correction to that final notice. This document contains additional corrections to the February 21, 2012, final notice.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: CECW-CO-R, 441 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Olson at 202-761-4922 or by email at [david.b.olson@usace.army.mil](mailto:david.b.olson@usace.army.mil) or access the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Home Page at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/RegulatoryProgramandPermits.aspx>.

#### Corrections

In the **Federal Register** of February 21, 2012, in FR Doc. 2012-3687, the following corrections are made:

On page 10273, second column, correct the first sentence of NWP 15 to read as follows to reflect the fact that the U.S. Coast Guard authorizes bridges over navigable waters through permits issued under other statutory authorities, such as the General Bridge Act of 1946 (33 U.S.C. 525, 528, 530, and 533), instead of Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401): “Discharges of dredged or fill material incidental to the construction of a bridge across navigable waters of the United States, including cofferdams, abutments, foundation seals, piers, and temporary construction and access fills, provided the construction of the bridge structure has been authorized by the U.S. Coast Guard under Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 or other applicable laws.”

On page 10287, second column, correct the first sentence of paragraph (d)(2) of general condition 31 to read as follows: “For all NWP activities that require pre-construction notification and result in the loss of greater than 1/2-acre of waters of the United States, for NWP 21, 29, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51, and 52 activities that require pre-construction notification and will result in the loss of greater than 300 linear feet of stream bed, and for all NWP 48 activities that require pre-construction notification, the district engineer will immediately provide (e.g., via email, facsimile transmission, overnight mail, or other expeditious manner) a copy of the complete PCN to the appropriate Federal or state offices (U.S. FWS, state natural resource or water quality agency, EPA, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), and, if appropriate, the NMFS).”

Dated: September 18, 2012.

**James R. Hannon,**

*Chief, Operations and Regulatory Directorate of Civil Works.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the W.A. Parish Post-Combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Sequestration Project, Southeastern TX

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** DOE announces the availability of the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the W.A. Parish*

*Post-Combustion Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Capture and Sequestration Project* (DOE/EIS-0473D) for public review and comment, as well as the dates, locations, and times for two public hearings. The draft environmental impact statement (EIS) analyzes the potential environmental impacts of a project proposed by NRG Energy, Inc. (NRG), which was selected by DOE to receive financial assistance under the Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) program. DOE's proposed action is to provide cost-shared funding to NRG under the CCPI. DOE proposes to provide NRG with up to \$167 million of the overall project cost to support the construction and operation of NRG's W.A. Parish Post-Combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Sequestration Project (Parish PCCS Project). NRG's proposed project would demonstrate the commercial feasibility of a retrofit, commercial-scale CO<sub>2</sub> capture and compression system, coupled with use of the captured CO<sub>2</sub> for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) and ultimate sequestration. NRG would design and construct a system that would capture at least 90 percent of the CO<sub>2</sub> in an up to 250-megawatt equivalent (MWe) flue gas slipstream of the existing 650-megawatt (MW) coal fired Unit 8 at NRG's W.A. Parish Plant in Fort Bend County, Texas. The captured CO<sub>2</sub> (up to 5,475 tons per day) would be transported approximately 80 miles in a new pipeline to be constructed by NRG. The CO<sub>2</sub> would be used for EOR and ultimately sequestered at the existing West Ranch oil field in Jackson County, Texas.

**DATES:** DOE invites the public to comment on the draft EIS during the public comment period, which ends November 5, 2012. DOE will consider all comments postmarked or received during the comment period in preparing the final EIS and will consider late comments to the extent practicable. In addition to receiving comments in writing and by email [See **ADDRESSES**], DOE will conduct two public hearings at which government agencies, private sector organizations, Native American tribes, and individuals are invited to present oral and written comments on the draft EIS. The public hearings will be held at the Thompsons Community Center, 134 Oilfield Road, Thompsons, Texas, on October 10, 2012, and at the Edna High School, 1303 W. Gayle Street, Edna, Texas, on October 11, 2012. Oral comments will be heard during the formal portion of the public hearings beginning at 7 p.m. The public is also invited to informal sessions beginning at 5 p.m. at the same

locations to learn more about the project and DOE's proposed action. Representatives from DOE and NRG will be present at the informal sessions to discuss the proposed project, the CCPI program, and the EIS process. Displays and other information about DOE's proposed action and NRG's Parish PCCS Project will also be available.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for paper or electronic copies of the draft EIS, requests to speak at the public hearings, or submission of written comments should be directed to: Mr. Mark W. Lusk, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Document Manager, National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), 3610 Collins Ferry Road, M/S I07, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26507-0880. Requests or comments can also be made by electronic mail to [Parish.EIS0473@netl.doe.gov](mailto:Parish.EIS0473@netl.doe.gov); by telephone (412) 386-7435, toll free 1-877-812-1569; or by fax (304) 285-4403.

The draft EIS is available on the NETL Web page at <http://www.netl.doe.gov/publications/others/nepa/index.html> and on the DOE NEPA Web page at <http://energy.gov/nepa/nepa-documents.htm>. Copies of the draft EIS will also be available at the locations listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. Written comments on the draft EIS should be marked “Parish PCCS Project” and sent to Mark W. Lusk, NEPA document manager, by one of the methods listed above. Oral comments on the draft EIS can be provided during the public hearings scheduled for the dates and locations provided in the **DATES** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about this project or the draft EIS, please contact Mr. Mark W. Lusk (see **ADDRESSES**). For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-54), DOE, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; telephone (202) 586-4600; fax (202) 586-7031; or leave a toll free message at 1-800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE's proposed action is to provide financial assistance to NRG under the CCPI Program to support construction and operation of NRG's Parish PCCS Project. DOE would provide NRG with up to \$167 million of the overall project cost, or about 20 percent of the estimated total costs. This funding would be used for project design and development, procurement of capital equipment, construction, CO<sub>2</sub> capture plant operations, and CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring during