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COMMENT DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2012.

DATED: OCTOBER 18, 2012.

KIMBERLY D. BOSE, SECRETARY.


DATED: OCTOBER 17, 2012.

ALICIA KAISER, DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

FARM, RANCH, AND RURAL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA).

ACTION: NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF TELECONFERENCE.

SUMMARY: EPA announced in the Federal Register on October 3, 2012 [FRL—9737–3] a farm, ranch, and rural communities committee (FRRCC) teleconference to be held on October 22, 2012. Under the federal advisory committee act, public law 92–463, EPA gives notice of cancellation of that public meeting for the farm, ranch, and rural communities committee (FRRCC). The FRRCC provides policy advice, information, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities. The purpose of this teleconference was to discuss specific topics of relevance for consideration by the Committee in order to provide advice and insights to the Agency on environmental policies and programs that affect and engage agriculture and rural communities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REISSUANCE OF THE NPDES GENERAL PERMITS FOR OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION FACILITIES ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF AND CONTIGUOUS STATE WATERS IN THE BEAUFORT SEA AND ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE CHUKCHI SEA, AK

AGENCY: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA).

ACTION: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL NPDES GENERAL PERMITS.

SUMMARY: The Director, Office of Water and Watersheds, EPA Region 10, is publishing this notice of availability of the final national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) general permits for oil and gas exploration facilities on the outer continental shelf and contiguous state waters in the Beaufort Sea (permit no. AKG282100) and on the outer continental shelf in the Chukchi Sea (permit no. AKG288100). The beaufort and Chukchi general permits authorize thirteen types of discharges from facilities engaged in field exploration and exploratory drilling activities under the offshore subcategory of the oil and gas extraction point source category (40 CFR part 425, subpart A), as authorized by section 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA or “the Act”), 33 U.S.C. 1342. The Beaufort and Chukchi general permits contain effluent limitations and requirements that ensure the discharges will not cause unreasonable degradation of the marine environment, as required by section 403(c) of the Clean Water Act (I.e., the Ocean Discharge Criteria), 33 U.S.C. 1343(c).

DATES: The issuance date of the Beaufort and Chukchi NPDES general permits is October 29, 2012, the date of publication of this notice. The Beaufort and Chukchi general permits shall become effective on November 28, 2012. Operators must submit a new notice of intent (NOI) to discharge within 120 days prior to initiation of discharges. Operators that have administratively extended coverage under the previous general permit must submit new NOIs that comply with the submission requirements of the Beaufort and Chukchi general permits.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Beaufort and Chukchi general permits, the response to comments document, and the ocean discharge criteria evaluations may be found on the Region 10 web site at: http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/npdes+public+notices/arctic-gp-pn-2012. Copies of the documents are available upon request. Written requests for copies of the documents may be submitted to EPA, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900, OWW–130, Seattle, WA 98101. Electronic requests may be sent to: Washington.Audrey@epa.gov. Requests by telephone may be made to Audrey Washington at (206) 553–0523.

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STATE CERTIFICATION OF BEAUFORT GENERAL PERMIT. PURSUANT TO SECTION 401 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT, 33 U.S.C. 1341, ON OCTOBER 9, 2012, THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) CERTIFIED THAT THE CONDITIONS OF THE BEAUFORT GENERAL PERMIT COMPLY WITH STATE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS (ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 18 AAC 15, 18 AAC 70, AND 18 AAC...