

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[9956–72–OEI]

**Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, State of Montana****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's approval of the State of Montana's request to revise its EPA Administered Permit Programs: The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System EPA-authorized program to allow electronic reporting.

**DATES:** EPA's approval is effective April 10, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Seeh, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Mail Stop 2823T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 566–1175, [seeh.karen@epa.gov](mailto:seeh.karen@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 13, 2005, the final Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 59848) and codified as part 3 of title 40 of the CFR. CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. Subpart D of CROMERR requires that state, tribal or local government agencies that receive, or wish to begin receiving, electronic reports under their EPA-authorized programs must apply to EPA for a revision of those programs and obtain EPA approval. Subpart D provides standards for such approvals based on consideration of the electronic document receiving systems that the state, tribe, or local government will use to implement the electronic reporting. Additionally, § 3.1000(b) through (e) of 40 CFR part 3, subpart D provides special procedures for program revisions to allow electronic reporting, to be used at the option of the state, tribe or local government in place of procedures available under existing program-specific authorization regulations. An application submitted under the subpart D procedures must show that the state, tribe or local government has sufficient legal authority to implement the electronic reporting components of the programs covered by the application and will use electronic document receiving systems

that meet the applicable subpart D requirements.

On November 22, 2016, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MT DEQ) submitted an application titled "Fees, Applications and Compliance Tracking System" for revision to its EPA-approved program under title 40 CFR to allow new electronic reporting. EPA reviewed MT DEQ's request to revise its EPA-authorized Part 123—EPA Administered Permit Programs: The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approval of authorized program revision set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(d), this notice of EPA's decision to approve Montana's request to revise its Part 123—EPA Administered Permit Programs: The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program to allow electronic reporting under 40 CFR parts 122 and 125 is being published in the **Federal Register**.

MT DEQ was notified of EPA's determination to approve its application with respect to the authorized program listed above.

**Matthew Leopard,**

*Director, Office of Information Management.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[9956–81–OEI]

**Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, State of Alaska****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's approval of the State of Alaska's request to revise its National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation EPA-authorized program to allow electronic reporting.

**DATES:** EPA's approval is effective May 10, 2017 for the State of Alaska's National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation program, if no timely request for a public hearing is received and accepted by the Agency.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Seeh, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Mail Stop 2823T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 566–1175, [seeh.karen@epa.gov](mailto:seeh.karen@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 13, 2005, the final Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 59848) and codified as part 3 of title 40 of the CFR. CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. Subpart D of CROMERR requires that state, tribal or local government agencies that receive, or wish to begin receiving, electronic reports under their EPA-authorized programs must apply to EPA for a revision or modification of those programs and obtain EPA approval. Subpart D provides standards for such approvals based on consideration of the electronic document receiving systems that the state, tribe, or local government will use to implement the electronic reporting. Additionally, § 3.1000(b) through (e) of 40 CFR part 3, subpart D provides special procedures for program revisions and modifications to allow electronic reporting, to be used at the option of the state, tribe or local government in place of procedures available under existing program-specific authorization regulations. An application submitted under the subpart D procedures must show that the state, tribe or local government has sufficient legal authority to implement the electronic reporting components of the programs covered by the application and will use electronic document receiving systems that meet the applicable subpart D requirements.

On December 20, 2016, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) submitted an amended application titled "Compliance Monitoring Data Portal" for revision to its EPA-approved drinking water program under title 40 CFR to allow new electronic reporting. EPA reviewed ADEC's request to revise its EPA-authorized program and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approval of authorized program revision set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(d), this notice of EPA's decision to approve Alaska's request to revise its Part 142—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation program to allow electronic reporting under 40 CFR part 141 is being published in the **Federal Register**.

ADEC was notified of EPA's determination to approve its application with respect to the authorized program listed above.

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

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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