

Region 6 issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits No. LAG290000 and TXG290000 with an effective date of February 8, 1995. These permits prohibit the discharge of produced water and produced sand derived from Oil and Gas Point Source Category facilities to "coastal" waters of Louisiana and Texas in accordance with effluent limitations and other conditions set forth in Parts I and II of these permits. Facilities covered by these permits include those in the Coastal Subcategory (40 CFR 435, Subpart D), the Stripper Subcategory (40 CFR 435, Subpart F) that discharge to "coastal" waters of Louisiana and Texas, and the Offshore Subcategory (40 CFR 435, Subpart A) which discharge to "coastal" waters of Louisiana and Texas.

III

Respondents herein are permittees subject to General NPDES Permit Nos. LAG290000 and/or TXG290000 and who:

A. Discharge produced water derived from an existing Coastal, Stripper or Offshore Subcategory well or wells to "coastal" waters of Texas or Louisiana on the effective date of LAG290000 or TXG290000.

B. Discharge produced water derived from an existing Coastal Subcategory well or wells located in Louisiana or Texas to waters of the United States outside Louisiana or Texas "coastal" waters on the effective date of LAG290000 or TXG290000.

C. Are required by Permits No. LAG290000 or TXG290000 to meet the requirement of No Discharge of produced water and are taking affirmative steps to meet that requirement.

D. Have submitted an "Administrative Order Notice". Such Notices shall be sent to: Enforcement Branch (6W-EA), Region 6, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 50625, Dallas TX 75270. Upon submission of such an Administrative Order Notice, a permittee shall be a Respondent under this General Administrative Order. The terms of each Administrative Order Notice submitted shall be considered terms of this Order and shall be enforceable against the Respondent submitting the Administrative Order Notice. Each Administrative Order Notice must include:

1. Identification of the facility by name and its location (by lease, lease block, field or prospect name), the name and address of its operator, and the name, address and telephone number of a contact person.

2. A certification signed by a person meeting the requirements of Part II, Section D.9 (Signatory Requirements) of Permits LAG290000 and TXG290000 stating that a Compliance Plan has been prepared for the facility in accordance with this Order. A copy of this plan shall not be included with the Administrative Order Notice, but shall be made available to EPA upon request.

3. A Compliance Plan shall include a description of the measures to be taken, along with a schedule, to cease discharge of produced water to waters of the United States as expeditiously as possible.

IV

To maintain oil and gas production and comply with the permits' prohibition on the discharge of produced water, a significant number of Respondents will have to reinject their produced water. A lack of access to the finite number of existing Class II disposal wells, state UIC permit writers, and drilling contractors may cause non-compliance for a significant number of Respondents. In addition, time will be required for some Respondents to reroute produced water collection lines to transport the produced water to injection wells.

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Respondents may reasonably perform all actions necessary to cease their discharges of produced water no later than January 1, 1997.

Order

Based on the foregoing Findings, it is Ordered that Respondents:

A. Fully comply with all conditions of NPDES Permits No. LAG290000 and TXG290000 except for the prohibition on the discharge of produced water and except for the requirement that all discharges of produced water be reported within twenty-four hours.

B. Complete all activities necessary to attain full and continuance compliance with NPDES Permits No. LAG290000 and TXG290000 as soon as possible, but in no case later than January 1, 1997.

C. Operate and maintain all existing pollution control equipment, including existing oil/water separation equipment, in such a manner as to minimize the discharge of pollutants contained in produced water at all times until such time as respondents cease their discharges of produced water.

D. Submit notice to the Water Enforcement Branch of EPA Region 6 when produced water discharges subject to this Order have ceased.

E. Subject to NPDES Permit LAG290000 comply at all times with

Part I. Section B.1.b of said permit, requiring that Respondents meet any more stringent requirements contained in Louisiana Water Quality Regulation, LAC: 33,IX,7.708.

Nothing herein shall preclude additional enforcement action.

The effective date of this Order shall be the effective date of NPDES Permits No. LAG290000 and TXG290000.

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The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collection pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, Pub. L. 96-511. For further information contact Shoko B. Hair, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-1379.

Federal Communications Commission

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Title: Implementation of Sections 3(n) and 332 of the Communications Act—Third Report and Order, Gen. Docket No. 93-252.

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Description: In the Third Report and Order in Gen. Docket No. 93-252, the Commission adopted changes to its technical, operational, and licensing rules for private mobile radio service licensees to implement Sections 3(n) and 332 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. These rules are necessary to implement the statute and to establish regulatory symmetry among similar mobile services.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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