

be announced in separate **Federal Register** notices.

The "First External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Nitrogen Oxides—Health Criteria" will be discussed at a public meeting for review by CASAC and the public. In addition to the public comment period announced in this notice, the public will have an opportunity to address CASAC. A separate **Federal Register** notice will inform the public of the exact date and time of the CASAC meeting and of the procedures for public participation in that CASAC meeting.

## II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0232, by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email*: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).
- *Fax*: 202-566-9744.
- *Mail*: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (ORD Docket), Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.

- *Hand Delivery*: The ORD Docket is located in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is 202-566-1744. Such deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. If you provide comments by mail or hand delivery, please submit three copies of the comments. For attachments, provide an index, number pages consecutively with the comments, and submit an unbound original and three copies.

*Instructions*: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0232. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information

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*Docket*: Documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the ORD Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency*: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly Receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 11/11/2013 through 11/15/2013. Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*NOTICE*: Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: EPA's weekly receipt of EISs filed during the week of 11/04/2013 through 11/08/2013 can be found in Wednesday, November 20th, **Federal Register** publication and on EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

*EIS No. 20130338, Final EIS, USFS, OR*, Summit Logan Valley Grazing Authorization Project, Review Period Ends: 12/30/2013, Contact: Randall J. Gould 541-820-3801.

*EIS No. 20130339, Draft EIS, BLM, OR*, Oregon Sub-Region Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment, Comment Period Ends: 02/20/2014, Contact: Joan Suther 541-573-4445.

*EIS No. 20130340, Draft EIS, USFS, AZ*, Programmatic—Revision of the Coronado National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Comment Period Ends: 02/20/2014, Contact: Yolynda Begay 520-388-8370.

*EIS No. 20130341, Final Supplement, BLM, NV*, Ruby Pipeline Project, Review Period Ends: 12/23/2013, Contact: Mark Mackiewicz 435-636-3616.

*EIS No. 20130342, Draft EIS, USA, CA*, Modernization and Repair of Piers 2 and 3 at Military Ocean Terminal Concord, Comment Period Ends: 01/06/2014, Contact: Malcolm E. Charles 925-246-4023.

*EIS No. 20130343, Draft Supplement, NPS, FL*, Biscayne National Park Supplemental Draft General Management Plan, Comment Period Ends: 02/20/2014, Contact: Morgan Elmer 303-969-2317.

*EIS No. 20130344, Draft Supplement, FHWA, NC*, Monroe Connector/Bypass, Comment Period Ends: 01/06/2014, Contact: Jennifer Harris (NCDOT) 919-707-6025.

*EIS No. 20130345, Final EIS, DOE, LA*, Lake Charles Carbon Capture and Sequestration Project, Review Period Ends: 12/23/2013, Contact: Pieri Fayish 412-386-5428.

*EIS No. 20130346, Draft EIS, USFS, CA*, Blacksmith Forest Health Project, Comment Period Ends: 01/06/2014, Contact: Dana Walsh 530-333-5558.

*EIS No. 20130347, Final Supplement, USFS, CA*, Southern California National Forests Land Management

Plan Amendment, Review Period Ends: 12/23/2013, Contact: Robert Hawkins 916-849-8037.

*EIS No. 20130348, Draft EIS, BLM, WAPA, UT, TransWest Express Transmission Project, Comment Period Ends: 02/19/2014, Contact: Sharon Knowlton 307-775-6124.*

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Energy's Western Area Power Administration are joint lead agencies for the above project.

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 20130334, Draft EIS, BIA, MA, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Fee-to-Trust Acquisition and Casino Project, Comment Period Ends: 01/17/2014, Contact: Chester McGhee 615-564-6500. Revision to the FR Notice Published 11/20/2013; Extending the Comment Period from 12/30/2013 to 01/17/2014.*

Dated: November 19, 2013.

#### Cliff Rader,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9903-36-Region 10]

### Proposed Issuance of the NPDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Geotechnical Surveying and Related Activities in Federal Waters of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed issuance of general permit.

**SUMMARY:** EPA Region 10 proposes to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Oil and Gas Geotechnical Surveying and Related Activities in Federal Waters of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas (Permit No. AKG-28-4300). As proposed, the Geotechnical General Permit authorizes twelve types of discharges from facilities engaged in oil and gas geotechnical surveys to evaluate the subsurface characteristics of the seafloor and related activities in federal waters of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. Geotechnical borings are collected to assess the structural properties of subsurface soil conditions for potential placement of oil and gas installations, which may include production and drilling platforms, ice islands, anchor structures for floating

exploration drilling vessels, and potential buried pipeline corridors. Geotechnical surveys result in a disturbance of the seafloor and produce discharges consisting of soil, rock and cuttings materials, in addition to facility-specific waste streams authorized under this general permit. Geotechnical related activities also result in a disturbance of the seafloor and produce similar discharges. These activities may include feasibility testing of equipment that disturbs the seafloor, and testing and evaluation of trenching technologies.

**DATES: Comments.** The public comment period for the draft Geotechnical General Permit will be from the date of publication of this Notice until January 27, 2014. Comments must be received or post-marked by no later than midnight Pacific Standard Time on January 27, 2014.

**Public Hearings.** EPA will hold public hearings on January 8, 2014, in Barrow, Alaska, at the Inupiat Heritage Center and via teleconference on January 10, 2014. The hearing in Barrow, AK will begin at 6:00 p.m. (Alaska Standard Time) and will continue until all testimony is heard or 10:00 p.m., whichever is earlier. The teleconference hearing will begin at 4:00 p.m. (Alaska Standard Time) and will continue until all testimony is heard or 7:00 p.m., whichever is earlier.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional information.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods. EPA will consider all comments received during the public comment period prior to making its final decision.

**Mail:** Send paper comments to Erin Seyfried, Office of Water and Watersheds, Mail Stop OWW-130, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101-3140.

**Email:** Send electronic comments to [R10geotechpermit@epa.gov](mailto:R10geotechpermit@epa.gov).

**Fax:** Fax comments to the attention of Erin Seyfried at (206) 553-0165.

**Hand Delivery/Courier:** Deliver comments to Erin Seyfried, Office of Water and Watersheds, Mail Stop OWW-130, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101-3140. Call (206) 553-0523 before delivery to verify business hours.

**Viewing and/or Obtaining Copies of Documents.** A copy of the draft Geotechnical General Permit and the Fact Sheet, which explains the proposal in detail, may be obtained by contacting EPA at 1 (800) 424-4372. Copies of the documents are also available for viewing and downloading at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/>

[npdes+permits/DraftPermitsAK](http://npdes+permits/DraftPermitsAK) <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/>

[npdes+permits/arctic-gp](http://npdes+permits/arctic-gp) See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for other document viewing locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Seyfried, Office of Water and Watersheds, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Mail Stop OWW-130, 1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900, Seattle, WA 98101-3140, (206) 553-1448, [seyfried.erin@epa.gov](mailto:seyfried.erin@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Fact Sheet describes the types of facilities and the discharges proposed to be authorized by the Geotechnical General Permit; the proposed effluent limits and other conditions; maps and descriptions of the proposed Area of Coverage; and a summary of the supporting technical materials.

**Public Hearing Locations and Information.** The locations, teleconference information, and general agenda for the hearings are:

(1) January 8, 2014, Inupiat Heritage Center, 5421 North Star Street, Barrow, AK 99723, Teleconference number 1 (866) 299-3188, code 9072711272#; 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Open House; 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Presentation; 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Testimony.

(2) January 10, 2014; Teleconference Only. Teleconference number 1 (866) 299-3188, code 9072711272#; 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Presentation; 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Testimony.

**Public Hearing Procedures.** Public hearings will be conducted in accordance with 40 CFR 124.12 and will provide interested persons with the opportunity to give written and/or verbal comments for the official record. The following procedures will be used at the public hearings:

(1) The presiding officer shall conduct the hearing in a manner which will allow all interested persons wishing to make verbal comments an opportunity to do so (however, the presiding officer may inform attendees of any time limits during the opening statement of the hearing);

(2) Any person may submit written statements or documents for the hearing record;

(3) The presiding officer may, in his or her discretion, exclude verbal comments if such testimony is overly repetitious of previous testimony or is not relevant to the draft Geotechnical General Permit;

(4) The transcripts of the hearings, together with copies of all submitted statements and documents, shall become a part of the record submitted to the Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds;