

### *B. How and To Whom Do I Submit Comments?*

You may submit comments as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's electronic mail (e-mail) system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the Docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, your e-mail address is automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

Dated: March 18, 2005.

**Richard B. Ossias,**

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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### **Notice of Availability: Draft NPDES Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations for Puerto Rico**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft permit.

**SUMMARY:** Today's notice makes available for public comment the draft *NPDES Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations for Puerto Rico* for public review and comment. This draft permit is being published to meet one of EPA's key action items in the *Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Regulations*—to issue NPDES permits to reduce risk to water quality and human health from animal feeding operations by December 2006. Please note that this Draft Permit for CAFOs in Puerto Rico has been sent to Public Notice in both an English and a Spanish Newspaper in Puerto Rico for a period of 60 days.

The Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) General Permit is a single permit which covers all CAFOs that apply for coverage in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Consequently, those CAFOs which are covered by the General Permit will have identical permit language and requirements. Unique facility-specific requirements will be similarly referenced in the permit. The facility-specific requirements are found in the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board's regulations for Animal Feeding Operations and detailed in an Agricultural Waste Management Plan (AWMP). The AWMP is a requirement for all CAFOs. For Puerto Rico the AWMP is synonymous with a Residuals Management System.

Only Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs) which meet the definition of a CAFO are eligible to apply for coverage under the General Permit. AFOs which do not meet the definition are not eligible to be covered under the General Permit. To determine if your operation is a CAFO, see 40 CFR 122.23 (4) and (6) as well as Part VII of the Definitions section of the General Permit. In addition, facilities can be designated as CAFOs on a case by case basis.

EPA believes that comments from a wide range of interested stakeholders is important to produce a final permit that will help EPA achieve the goal of reducing risk to water quality and human health from animal feeding operations. EPA is interested in

receiving comments from reviewers of the draft *NPDES Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations for Puerto Rico*, and will carefully consider this input as it prepares a final permit.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by April 30, 2005, to the address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments to Karen O'Brien, U.S. EPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, 24th Floor, New York, New York 10007. Submit electronic comments to [obrien.karen@epa.gov](mailto:obrien.karen@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen O'Brien, (212) 637-3717 or Jeff Gratz, (212) 637-3873.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the draft *NPDES Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations* for Puerto Rico may be obtained on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/owm>. If you do not have Internet access, you may obtain a paper copy of the draft guidance by calling the EPA Region 2 at (212) 637-3717. The draft permit is also available in electronic format.

Dated: March 10, 2005.

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## **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION**

### **Sunshine Act; Meetings**

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, March 24, 2005, 1 p.m. Eastern Time.

**PLACE:** Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Conference Room on the Ninth Floor of the EEOC Office Building, 1801 "L" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507.

**STATUS:** The meeting will be open to the public.

#### **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Open Season

1. Announcement of Notation Votes, and
2. Spring 2005 Regulatory Agenda

**Note:** In accordance with the Sunshine Act, this meeting will be open to public observation of the Commission's deliberations and voting. (In addition to publishing notices on EEOC Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides a recorded announcement a full week in advance on future Commission sessions.)

Please telephone (202) 663-7100 (voice) and (202) 663-4074 (TTY) at any time for information on these meetings.