

Currently Identified Environmental Issues

The FERC staff has already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the planned facilities and the environmental information provided by Northwest. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis.

- Geohazards, including areas with high landslide potential;
- Sensitive waterbody crossings and wetlands;
- Fisheries and wildlife;
- Endangered and rare species, including the northern spotted owl and several salmonid species;
- Crossing of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and associated viewsheds;
- Crossing of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest;
- Crossing of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge;
- Crossing of the Pacific Crest Trail;
- Impacts to forested areas, including late successional reserve/old growth areas;
- Cultural resources, including areas of interest to Native American Tribes;
- Pipeline safety and reliability; and
- Residential areas.

Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send in your comments so that they will be received in Washington, DC on or before August 30, 2009.

For your convenience, there are three methods in which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number [PF09–10–000] with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert eFiling staff available to assist you at 202–502–8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the *Quick Comment* feature, which is located on the Commission's internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to *Documents and Filings*. A Quick Comment is an easy method for interested persons to submit text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature, which is located on the Commission's Internet Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov> under the link to *Documents and Filings*. eFiling involves preparing your submission in the same manner as you would if filing on paper, and then saving the file on your computer's hard drive. You will attach that file to your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “Sign up” or “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making. A comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing”; or

(3) You may file your comments with the Commission via mail by sending an original and two copies of your letter to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Label one copy of the comments for the attention of Gas Branch 3, PJ–11.3.

Environmental Mailing List

An effort is being made to send this notice to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the planned project. This includes all landowners who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities (as defined in the Commission's regulations).

If you do not want to send comments at this time but still want to remain on our mailing list, please return the Information Request (appendix 2). If you do not return the Information Request, you will be taken off the mailing list.

Becoming an Intervenor

Once Northwest files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an “intervenor”, which is an official party to the proceeding. Intervenor play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in a Commission proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are included in the User's Guide under the “e-filing” link on the Commission's Web site. Please note that you may not request intervenor status at this time. You must wait until a formal application for the project is filed with the Commission.

Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at 1–866–208–FERC or on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search” and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits, in the Docket Number field. Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1–866–208–3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm.

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx> along with other related information.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OECA–2008–0300; FRL–8940–2]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NESHAP for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Facilities—Surface Coating (Renewal); EPA ICR Number 1712.06; OMB Control Number 2060–0330

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved

collection. The ICR which is abstracted below describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before September 3, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2008-0300, to (1) EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or by e-mail to docket.oeca@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, mail code 28331T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leonard Lazarus, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-564-6369; fax number: 202-564-0050; e-mail address: lazarus.leonard@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On May 30, 2008 (73 FR 31088) EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2008-0300, which is available for public viewing online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, in person viewing at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, 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 Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Enforcement and Compliance Docket is (202) 566-1927.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <http://www.regulations.gov>, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then

key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Title: NESHAP for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Facilities—Surface Coating (Renewal).

ICR Numbers: EPA ICR Number 1712.06, OMB Control Number 2060-0330.

ICR Status: This ICR is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2009. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR part 9, and displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: The respondents are owners or operators of Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Facilities. Operations covered include: primer and top coat application in manufacturing processes and in ship repair processes. The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) regulation, 40 CFR part 63, subpart II, was promulgated on December 15, 1995. Owners or operators of the affected facilities described must make initial reports when a source becomes subject, conduct and report on a performance test, demonstrate and report on continuous monitor performance, and maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility. Semiannual reports of excess emissions are required. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance; and are required, in general, of all sources subject to NESHAP.

Any owner or operator subject to the provisions of this part shall maintain a file of these measurements, and retain

the file for at least five years following the date of such measurements, maintenance reports, and records. All reports are sent to the delegated state or local authority. In the event that there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the EPA regional office.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and are identified on the form and/or instrument, if applicable.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 255 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Owners or operators of shipbuilding and ship repair facilities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 56.

Frequency of Response:

Semiannually, On Occasion, Initially.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 28,594 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1,740,381 in labor costs, exclusively. There are no capital/startup or Operations and Maintenance costs associated with this ICR.

Changes in the Estimates: There is no change in the burden hours or cost to the respondents in this ICR compared to the previous ICR. This is due to two considerations: (1) the regulations have not changed over the past three years and are not anticipated to change over the next three years; and (2) the growth rate for the respondents is very low, negative or nonexistent. Therefore, the labor hours and cost figures in the previous ICR reflect the current burden to the respondents and are reiterated in

this ICR. In the previous ICR, the cost figure was rounded-up to the nearest thousand. In this ICR, the figure is rounded to the nearest dollar.

Dated: July 29, 2009.

John Moses,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8940-1]

Notice of Final NPDES General Permit for Discharges From Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in New Mexico (NMG010000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6.

ACTION: Notice of NPDES General Permit Reissuance.

SUMMARY: EPA Region 6 today issues a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general permit for discharges from eligible owners/operators of existing concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs), in New Mexico, except those discharges on Indian Country. All currently operating animal feeding operations that are defined as CAFOs or designated as CAFOs by the permitting authority (See part VII Definitions, "CAFOs") and that are subject to 40 CFR part 412, subparts A (Horses) and C (Dairy Cows and Cattle Other than Veal Calves) are eligible for coverage under this permit. This permit covers the types of animal feeding operations listed above which meet the definition of a CAFO and discharge or propose to discharge pollutants to waters of the United States. A CAFO proposes to discharge if it is designed, constructed, operated, or maintained such that a discharge will occur.

A copy of the Region's responses to comments and the final permit may be obtained from the EPA Region 6 Internet site: <http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/npdes/cafo/index.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Diane Smith, Water Quality Protection Division, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone: (214) 665-2145, or via e-mail at: smith.diane@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Significant Changes From the Draft Permit

Pursuant to section 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. section 1342, EPA proposed and solicited comments on NPDES general permit

NMG010000 at 74 FR 3592 (January 21, 2009). The comment period closed on February 20, 2009.

Region 6 received comments from the New Mexico Environment Department, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Dairy Producers of New Mexico, Seaboard Foods, Oklahoma Farm Bureau, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Oklahoma Pork Council, and Amigos Bravos.

EPA Region 6 has considered all comments received. In response to those comments the following significant changes were made to the proposed permit.

1. Based on NMED condition of certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act, part III.A.8 of the permit has been changed to require the use of a certified specialist to develop, modify, review, and/or approve the nutrient management plan.

2. Part III.A.3.h has been added to the permit to require that the nutrient management plan (NMP) include site maps of the production and land application areas.

3. Part II.A.2.a.x has been modified to include the term "as appropriate." Part II.A.2.a.x and part III.A.3.b have also been modified to clarify that retention structures must include adequate storage capacity for clean water that is not diverted.

4. EPA has removed part III.A.3.f.i-iv from the permit and has modified part III.A.3.f to require that the NMP include any additional information necessary to assess the adequacy of the application rates included in the NMP.

5. EPA has modified part III.A.7.d of the permit to require that manure sampling be conducted annually prior to the first land application event of each year of permit coverage and to allow for representative sampling protocols to be established in the NMP.

6. The spills reporting requirement has been removed from part III.D.3 of the permit and was replaced with a requirement to document spills and clean-up activity.

7. Part III.D.3 of the permit has been modified to state that handling procedures and storage for any toxic and other pollutants must be specified in the NMP.

8. EPA has modified part III.D.1.c to state that any mechanical or structural damage to the liner must be evaluated by a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Engineer or Professional Engineer and that the permittee shall have a NRCS Engineer or Professional Engineer review documentation.

9. The infiltration monitoring requirement of part III.D.1.c has been

modified to be based on a direct hydrological connection to waters of the United States. EPA has also modified this section to allow for other appropriate measures to be used in lieu of leak detection systems or monitoring wells.

10. EPA has modified the permit to require that annual reports be submitted to EPA and NMED on January 31 as opposed to basing the due date on the NOI submittal date.

11. Parts VI.B.1, VI.B.2, and VI.C.1 have been removed from the permit as they are repetitive of provisions found elsewhere in the permit.

12. EPA has added part I.H to address the procedure for a change in ownership.

13. The Water Quality-Based Reduction Plan requirement of part II.A.3.c has been removed from the permit.

14. EPA has modified part III.C to exclude amounts less than 10 tons per year to a single recipient from the transfer of manure, litter, and process wastewater recordkeeping requirement.

15. EPA has removed the notification requirement form part III.D.8.a and will rely on the notification requirement of part III.D.5, which has been modified to require notification within 48 hours.

16. The proposed corrective action requirement proposed as part II.A.3.d has been clarified to address discharges or proposed discharges to impaired waters and has been moved to part II.A.3.a.iv.

17. EPA has modified part IV.A of the permit to require CAFOs to orally report the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States to NMED.

18. Part I.D.8 and part I.E.8 of the final permit have been amended to clarify that new sources must submit an Environmental Impact Document (EID), not a previous EPA National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review document, with their NOIs.

19. Part II.A.5.c has been amended to clarify that there shall be no unauthorized dry weather discharges from land application sites.

20. EPA has clarified part I.E.1.a.i to state that for any facility that received authorization to discharge under the 1993 CAFO general permit and complies with the 90-day NOI timeframe, authorization under the 1993 CAFO permit is automatically continued until coverage is granted under this permit or coverage is otherwise terminated.

21. EPA has amended part I.E.8 to clarify that the applicant must submit to EPA information describing an expansion so that EPA may determine if the expansion is a new source.