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### Standard Paragraph

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**Magalie R. Salas,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM981000]

### Regulations Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

May 14, 2002.

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(h), of the receipt of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive an exempt or a prohibited off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested on-the-record proceeding, to deliver a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication, to the Secretary.

Prohibited communications will be included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not part of, the

decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such requests only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication should serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications will be included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of exempt and prohibited off-the-record communications recently received in the Office of the Secretary. Copies of these filings are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. The documents may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" and follow the instructions (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

#### EXEMPT

Docket No.	Date Filed	Presenter or requester
1. CP01-438-000	4-11-02	Paul Friedman.
2. Project No. P-1494-232.	5-8-02	Edward B. Lienbach.

**Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7214-2]

### Announcement of a Stakeholder Meeting on the Six-Year Review of Existing National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, as Required by the Safe Drinking Water Act

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of a stakeholder meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a public meeting to discuss the results of the Agency's preliminary findings in the review of 69 pre-1997 National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs). The **Federal Register** notice that announced the preliminary results of the review of NPDWRs (i.e., the Six-Year Review) was published by EPA on April 17, 2002.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information to stakeholders and the public on the Six-Year Review of NPDWRs.

**DATES:** The stakeholder meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on May 30.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be at the Washington Plaza Hotel, phone (202)842-1300, or (800)424-1140, located at 10 Thomas Circle, NW (corner of M and 14th Streets) in downtown Washington, DC. The hotel is a short distance from both the McPherson Square Metro Station (Orange and Blue Lines) and Farragut North Metro Station (Red Line).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical inquiries regarding the Six-Year Review of NPDWRs contact: Ms. Judy Lebowich, (202) 564-4884, e-mail: [lebowich.judy@epa.gov](mailto:lebowich.judy@epa.gov); or Ms. Wynne Miller, (202) 564-4887, e-mail: [miller.wynne@epa.gov](mailto:miller.wynne@epa.gov). For registration and general information about this meeting, please contact Ms. Paula Moreno at RESOLVE, Inc., 1255 23rd Street, NW., Suite 275, Washington, DC. 20037, by phone: (202) 965-6218; by fax: (202)338-1264, or by e-mail at [pmoreno@resolve.org](mailto:pmoreno@resolve.org). Those registered by May 22nd will receive background materials prior to the meeting. Additional information on these and other EPA activities under SDWA is available at the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800)426-4791.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended in 1996, requires EPA to review each national primary drinking water regulation (NPDWR) at least once every six years and revise any NPDWR

as appropriate. SDWA specifies that any revision must maintain or increase public health protection. EPA developed a systematic approach, or protocol, for the review of NPDWRs in consultation with stakeholders. EPA has applied this protocol to the Agency's initial Six-Year Review of most of the NPDWRs published prior to the 1996 SDWA Amendments (i.e., pre-1997 NPDWRs). The review focused on 68 chemical NPDWRs and the Total Coliform Rule (TCR). The meeting will provide stakeholders information on EPA's protocol for the review of these 69 NPDWRs and EPA's preliminary revise/not revise decisions for these 69 NPDWRs. Comments on the Six-Year Review of NPDWRs must be submitted in writing to the Agency's Water Docket by June 17, 2002.

There will be a limited number of teleconference lines available for those who are unable to attend in person. Information about how to access these lines will accompany the pre-meeting materials to be mailed out to those who register, and also will be available prior to the day of this meeting through the previously-noted point of contact at RESOLVE, Inc.

Any person needing special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact the same previously-noted point of contact at RESOLVE, Inc., at least five business days before the meeting so that the Agency can make appropriate arrangements.

Registration for this meeting will occur from 8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Dated: May 15, 2002.

**Cynthia C. Dougherty,**

*Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7213-3]

### General Administrative Compliance Order Issued Under Section 309 of the CWA to Permittees Covered by the NPDES General Permit for New and Existing Sources and New Dischargers in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Category for the Western Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico (GMG290000)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of general administrative compliance order.

**SUMMARY:** Region 6 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today issues a general administrative compliance order applicable to those dischargers affected by EPA's recent modification to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for the Western Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico (GMG290000) for discharges from new sources, existing sources and new dischargers in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Category, which was published on December 18, 2001 ("the offshore general permit" or "the permit"). The general administrative compliance order requires those dischargers who cannot comply with the modified permit's limits for discharges of drill cuttings generated using synthetic and other non-aqueous based drilling fluids to achieve compliance no later than August 16, 2002, with all limitations except the four-day sediment toxicity limit. Permittees must achieve compliance with the limitation for four-day sediment toxicity no later than February 1, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Mr. Taylor Sharpe, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, Texas 75202, Telephone: (214) 665-7112, or via EMAIL at the following address: [sharpetaylor@epa.gov](mailto:sharpetaylor@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Taylor Sharpe at (214) 665-7112.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As published on December 18, 2001 (66 FR 65209), EPA modified the offshore general permit, which was originally published November 2, 1998 (63 FR 58722) and modified April 19, 1999 (64 FR 19156), to address certain discharges and uses of non-aqueous based (synthetic) drilling fluids. The December 18, 2001 (66 FR 65209), modification will become effective on February 16, 2002, and can be found on the Internet at [http://www.epa.gov/region6/6wq/npdes/genpermt/offshore/fr\\_not.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region6/6wq/npdes/genpermt/offshore/fr_not.pdf).

EPA received several comments on the draft permit, published on June 4, 2001 (66 FR 29948), requesting additional time for compliance with the permit modification. EPA is aware that this permit modification may cause many permittees to add and/or modify existing pollution control equipment in order to obtain compliance with the modified permit. Upon review of the probable process modifications necessary for compliance, EPA has agreed that a reasonable schedule for compliance may be issued for facilities that become aware of a violation, report it to EPA, and request an administrative

compliance order within thirty (30) days of becoming aware of the violation. Compliance Order Notices for all violations except violations of the four-day sediment toxicity limitation, must be postmarked before August 16, 2002. Compliance Order Notices for violations of the four-day sediment toxicity limitation must be postmarked before February 1, 2003. The compliance order will provide until August 16, 2002, for permittees to make any necessary pollution control changes for all discharges to come into compliance with the new permit modifications for all new limitations except the four-day sediment toxicity limit. Permittees will be given until February 1, 2003, to make any necessary pollution control changes for all discharges to come into compliance with the new limitation for four-day sediment toxicity.

It is the policy of EPA to achieve full compliance with the NPDES permit program as rapidly as possible. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, please contact the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. An "Information Sheet" relating to the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) may pertain to you and you may find this "Information Sheet" on the Internet at <http://es.epa.gov/oeca/ccsmd/sbrefa.pdf>. You may be subject to providing a "Notice of Registrants Duty to Disclose" relating to the disclosure of environmental legal proceedings to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). This SEC notice may be found on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6en/w/sec.pdf>. You can find out more information regarding your NPDES Offshore program on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/region6/offshore>.

### United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6

In Re: NPDES PERMIT NO. GMG290000

### General Administrative Compliance Order

The following Findings are made, and Order issued, under the authority vested in the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), by sections 308(a) and 309(a) of the Clean Water Act ("the Act"), 33 U.S.C. 1318(a) and 1319(a). The Administrator of EPA has delegated the authority to issue this Order to the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 6, who has further delegated this authority to the Director of the Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division. Issuance of this order is not "final agency action" and is subject to