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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 8, 2018.

Dated: December 20, 2017.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9972-43-Region 4]

### Notice of Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for the Eastern Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) of the Gulf of Mexico (GEG460000); Availability of Finding of No Significant Impact

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Reissuance of NPDES General Permit.

**SUMMARY:** Today, the EPA Region 4 (the "Region") is reissuing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) of the Gulf of Mexico (General Permit No. GEG460000) for new and existing source discharges in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point

Source Category. This reissued general permit replaces the previous permit issued on March 15, 2010, and which became effective on April 1, 2010, and expired on March 31, 2015. The general permit authorizes discharges from exploration, development, and production facilities located in and discharging to all Federal waters of the eastern portion of the Gulf of Mexico seaward of the outer boundary of the territorial seas, and covers existing and new source facilities with operations located on Federal leases occurring in water depths seaward of 200 meters, occurring offshore the coasts of Alabama and Florida. The western boundary of the coverage area is demarcated by Mobile and Visoca Knoll lease blocks located seaward of the outer boundary of the territorial seas from the coasts of Mississippi and Alabama. The permit term will be no longer than five years from the effective date of the permit. Individual permits will be issued for operating facilities on lease blocks traversed by and shoreward of the 200-meter water depth.

The draft NPDES general permit was publicly noticed from August 18, 2016 to September 17, 2016. This final permit reflects changes based on comments received during the public comments period, which are detailed in the Amendment to the Fact Sheet.

**DATES:** This action is applicable as of January 20, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The final NPDES general permit, Amendment to the Permit fact sheet, Finding of No Significant Impact document, Final Essential Fish Habitat Determination, Final Ocean Discharge Criteria Evaluation, and other relevant documents may be obtained by writing the U.S. EPA-Region 4, Water Protection Division (WPD), NPDES Section, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, Attention: Ms. Bridget Staples. Alternatively, copies of the above-mentioned documents may be downloaded at: <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-epa-region-4-southeast#r4-public-notice>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Bridget Staples, EPA Region 4, WPD, NPDES Section, by mail at the Atlanta address given above, by telephone at (404) 562-9783 or by email at [Staples.Bridget@epa.gov](mailto:Staples.Bridget@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Authorization To Discharge Under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

In compliance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*), operators of

offshore oil and gas facilities in lease blocks located in Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Federal water in the eastern portion of the Gulf of Mexico seaward of the outer boundary of the territorial seas in water depths seaward of 200 meters, occurring offshore the coasts of Alabama and Florida and in the western boundary of the coverage area demarcated by Mobile and Visoca Knoll lease blocks located seaward of the outer boundary of the territorial seas from the coasts of Mississippi and Alabama, are authorized to discharge to receiving waters in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Parts I, II, III, IV and V, and appendices.

Operators of facilities within the NPDES general permit coverage area must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Regional Administrator, prior to discharge, that they intend to be covered by the general permit (See Part I.A.4). The effective date of coverage will be the postmarked date of the NOI, or if the postmarked date is illegible, the effective date of coverage will be two days prior to the receipt date of the NOI.

Administratively continued coverages under the previous NPDES general permit will cease for operators 30 days after the effective date of the new permit. Therefore, such operators must submit a new NOI to be covered under this general permit within 30 days after the effective date of this permit. If a permit application for an individual permit is filed, the coverage under the previous general permit terminates when a final action is taken on the application for an individual permit.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire midnight, Eastern Standard Time, five years from the effective date.

Dated: December 14, 2017.

**Mary Walker,**

*Director, Water Protection Division, U.S. EPA, Region 4.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9972-41-ORD]

### Human Studies Review Board; Notification of Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of the Science

Advisor announces two separate public meetings of the Human Studies Review Board (HSRB) to advise the Agency on the ethical and scientific review of research involving human subjects.

**DATES:** A virtual public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 and Wednesday, January 24, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time on both dates. A separate, subsequent teleconference meeting is planned for Thursday, March 15, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time for the HSRB to finalize its Final Report of the January 23 and 24, 2018 meeting and review other possible topics.

**ADDRESSES:** Both of these meetings will be conducted entirely by telephone and on the internet using Adobe Connect. For detailed access information visit the HSRB website: <http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wishes to receive further information should contact the HSRB Designated Federal Official (DFO), Thomas O'Farrell on telephone number (202) 564-8451; fax number: (202) 564-2070; email address: [ofarrell.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:ofarrell.thomas@epa.gov); or mailing address: Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Science Advisor, Mail Code 8105R, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Meeting access: These meetings will be open to the public. The full Agenda and meeting materials will be available at the HSRB website: <http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board>. For questions on document availability, or if you do not have access to the internet, consult with the DFO, Thomas O'Farrell, listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Special accommodations.** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request accommodation of a disability, please contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

**How may I participate in this meeting?**

The HSRB encourages the public's input. You may participate in these meetings by following the instructions in this section.

1. **Oral comments.** To pre-register to make oral comments, please contact the DFO, Thomas O'Farrell, listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Requests to present oral comments during either meeting will be accepted up to Noon Eastern Time on Tuesday,

January 16, 2018, for the January 23 and 24, 2018 meeting and up to Noon Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 8, 2018 for the March 15, 2018 meeting. To the extent that time permits, interested persons who have not pre-registered may be permitted by the HSRB Chair to present oral comments during either meeting at the designated time on the agenda. Oral comments before the HSRB are generally limited to five minutes per individual or organization. If additional time is available, further public comments may be possible.

2. **Written comments.** Submit your written comments prior to the meetings. For the Board to have the best opportunity to review and consider your comments as it deliberates, you should submit your comments by Noon Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, for the January 23 and 24, 2018 meeting and up to Noon Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 8, 2018 for the March 15, 2018 meeting. If you submit comments after these dates, those comments will be provided to the HSRB members, but you should recognize that the HSRB members may not have adequate time to consider your comments prior to their discussion. You should submit your comments to the DFO, Thomas O'Farrell listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. There is no limit on the length of written comments for consideration by the HSRB.

**Background**

The HSRB is a Federal advisory committee operating in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act 5 U.S.C. App. 2 9. The HSRB provides advice, information, and recommendations on issues related to scientific and ethical aspects of third-party human subjects research that are submitted to the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) to be used for regulatory purposes.

**Topic for discussion.** On January 23 and 24, 2018, EPA's Human Studies Review Board will consider two topics: (1) A completed study and monograph report titled "Agricultural Handler Exposure during Open Pour Loading of Granules" by the Agricultural Handlers Exposure Task Force, and (2) a study protocol titled "Laboratory Evaluation of Bite Protection From Repellent-Impregnated Fabrics" by Pinebelt Industries.

The Agenda and meeting materials for this topic will be available in advance of the meeting at <http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board>.

On March 15, 2018, the HSRB will review and finalize their draft Final Report from the January 23 and 24, 2018

meeting, in addition to other topics that may come before the Board. The HSRB may also discuss planning for future HSRB meetings. The agenda and the draft report will be available prior to the meeting at <http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board>.

Meeting minutes and final reports. Minutes of these meetings, summarizing the matters discussed and recommendations made by the HSRB, will be released within 90 calendar days of the meeting. These minutes will be available at <http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board>. In addition, information regarding the HSRB's Final Report, will be found at <http://www2.epa.gov/osa/human-studies-review-board> or from Thomas O'Farrell listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: December 14, 2017.

**Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta,**  
EPA Science Advisor.

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**FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**

**Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) (collectively, the "agencies") may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), of which the agencies are members, has approved the Board's publication for public comment of a proposal to extend, with revision, the Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002) and the Report of Assets and Liabilities of a Non-U.S. Branch that is Managed or Controlled by a U.S. Branch or Agency of a Foreign (Non-U.S.) Bank (FFIEC 002S), which are currently approved collections of information. The Board is publishing this proposal on behalf of the agencies.

The proposed revisions to these reports would align with corresponding