

for revising the existing Ozone AQCD (68 FR 17365, April 9, 2003, and 68 FR 60369, October 22, 2003).

In January 2005, EPA announced the availability of the First External Review Draft of the revised Ozone AQCD for public review and comments (70 FR 4850, January 31, 2005) and presented the draft to the CASAC Ozone Review Panel on May 4–5, 2005. Taking into account public and CASAC comments, EPA prepared and announced a Second External Review Draft for public review and comment (70 FR 51810, August 31, 2005).

At a public meeting in December 2005, EPA presented the Second External Review Draft to the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) for their review. Public comments and comments from the CASAC Review Panel were considered in preparing the final Ozone AQCD announced in this **Federal Register** notice.

#### *B. How To Obtain Copies of the Final Ozone AQCD and Other Related Information*

Internet users can download a copy of this document from the NCEA home page. The URL is <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of CD-ROM or paper copies will be available. Contact Ms. Diane Ray, ORD/NCEA: telephone number 919–541–3637; fax number 919–541–1818; or e-mail address [ray.diane@epa.gov](mailto:ray.diane@epa.gov). Please provide the document's title, "Air Quality Criteria for Ozone and Related Photochemical Oxidants (Final)," Volumes I, II, and III, EPA 600/R–05/004aF–cF, as well as your name and address, to facilitate processing of your request.

EPA has established an official public docket for information pertaining to the revision of the Ozone AQCD, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–ORD–2004–0015. All documents in this docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Some information is not publicly available, e.g., Confidential Business Information (CBI). Other information, such as copyrighted material, is publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC: telephone 202–566–1752; facsimile 202–566–1753; or e-mail [ORD.Docket@epa.gov](mailto:ORD.Docket@epa.gov). The Public Reading Room is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays: telephone 202–566–1744.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA–HQ–OEI–2006–0157; FRL–8038–6]**

### **Office of Environmental Information; Announcement of Availability and Comment Period for Well Information Draft Data Standard**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of data availability & request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice of availability for a 45 day review and comment period is hereby given for the Draft Well Information Data Standard.

The Draft Well Information Data Standard describes data elements and data groupings that are used to exchange information about wells and is a supplement to the ESAR: Monitoring Location [EX000003.1] Data Standard when well information is being exchanged. It includes information about well ownership, location, use, construction, and where samples or measurements are made. The user may find that the information here can be very detailed, however, it should be noted that it provides structure for those data that are available and there is need to exchange. States and U.S. EPA completed a technical review of this standard in the Fall of 2005.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OEI–2006–0157 by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov)
- Fax: 202–566–1753
- Mail: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Announcement of Availability and Comment Period for Well, Information Draft Data Standard, Mailcode: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.
- Hand Delivery: Public Reading Room, Room B102, EPA West Building, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OEI–2006–

0157. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. 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. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dawn Banks-Waller; Environmental Protection Agency; 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, MC 2822T; Washington, DC 20460; Phone: 202 566–0625; Fax: 202 566 1624; E-mail: [Banks-Waller.Dawn@epa.gov](mailto:Banks-Waller.Dawn@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This standard was developed by a group of professionals and submitted as a comment on the ESAR Suite of Data Standards published in an earlier **Federal Register**. The decision to put the Draft Well Information Data Standard out for review was made jointly by U.S. EPA, States, and Tribes (through the Exchange Network Leadership Council (ENLC)), an organization that represents the USE EPA, States and Tribal entities. The ENLC took over responsibility for Data Standards development, administration and management from the Environmental Data Standards Council (EDSC) in January 2006).

The standards are intended for use in environmental data exchanges among

States, Tribal entities and the U.S. EPA. They are not meant to dictate or to limit data an agency chooses to collect for its own internal purposes. Adoption of a data standard should not be interpreted to mean that revisions to databases or information systems are required. What the adoption does mean is that formats for sharing data with Exchange Network (EN) partners will change because the Exchange Network has adopted Shared Schema Components (SSCs) based on the data standards. The SSCs are available on the Exchange Network Web site at <http://www.exchangenetwork.net>.

The draft data standards documents can be found on EDSC's Web site at <http://www.envdatastandards.net/> and are available through the Docket system as indicated above.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8037-6]

### Proposed Reissuance of the NPDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration, Development and Production Facilities Located in State and Federal Waters in Cook Inlet (AKG-31-5000)

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Regional Administrator of Region 10 today proposes to reissue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration, Development and Production Facilities in State and Federal Waters in Cook Inlet (No. AKG-31-5000). As proposed, the permit would authorize discharges from exploration, development, and production platforms and related facilities that are included in the Coastal and Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category as authorized by section 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA or Act), 33 U.S.C. 1342.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 1, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to: Director, Office of Water and Watersheds, U.S. EPA, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, M/S OWW-130, Seattle, Washington 98101.

Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to the following address: [shaw.hanh@epa.gov](mailto:shaw.hanh@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Hanh Shaw, U.S. EPA, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, M/S OWW-130, Seattle, Washington 98101. Telephone: (206) 553-0171. A copy of the Proposed Permit, the fact sheet that fully explains the proposal, and a copy of EPA's Environmental Assessment (EA) and preliminary Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI), prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), may be obtained from Ms. Shaw. EPA's current administrative record on the proposal is available for examination at U.S. EPA, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101. Additionally, a copy of the proposed permit, fact sheet, EA, preliminary FONSI, and this **Federal Register** Notice may be obtained on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/r10earth>.

The documents are also available from the EPA Alaska Operations Office, Room 537, Federal Building, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513. Please contact Ms. Dianne Soderlund at (907) 271-3425 for assistance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The existing permit, NPDES Permit No. AKG-28-5000 (Existing Permit), was previously reissued on April 1, 1999 and expired on April 1, 2004 (64 FR 19156). The Existing Permit will remain in effect until a new permit is reissued for those discharges which were covered at the time of expiration. The Existing Permit authorizes discharges from oil and gas exploration, development, and production facilities located in and discharging to state and Federal waters in Cook Inlet north of a line extending between Cape Douglas (at 58°51' latitude, 153°15' longitude) on the west and Port Chatham (at 59°13' latitude, 151°47' longitude) on the east. EPA proposes to replace the Existing Permit with the proposed reissued permit (Proposed Permit), renumbered as AKG-31-5000.

The following changes are proposed to be made as a part of the permit reissuance:

1. EPA proposes to expand the existing coverage area to include the recent Minerals Management Service Lease Sales Nos. 191 and 199 and the State waters adjoining those lease areas.

2. EPA proposes to authorize discharges from oil and gas exploration facilities located within the expanded coverage area, including discharges associated with the use of synthetic-based drilling fluids.

3. EPA proposes to authorize discharges from new oil and gas

development and production facilities located within the expanded coverage area, including sanitary waste water, domestic waste water, deck drainage, and miscellaneous discharges such as cooling water and boiler blowdown. These new development and production facilities, however, would not be authorized to discharge produced water, drilling fluids, or drill cuttings under the Proposed Permit.

4. EPA proposes to add new whole effluent toxicity and technology-based limits for discharges that contain treatment chemicals, such as biocides and corrosion inhibitors. These discharges include, but are not limited to, water flood waste water, cooling water, boiler blowdown, and desalination unit waste water.

5. EPA proposes to add a new water quality-based effluent limit for total residual chlorine.

6. EPA proposes to change the monitoring requirements found in the Existing Permit. The proposed changes would result in increased monitoring for facilities that violate the effluent limits, and reduced monitoring for facilities that demonstrate a good compliance record.

7. EPA proposes to expand the Existing Permit's baseline study to include all new facilities.

8. EPA proposes to include a new study that will involve collecting ambient data to determine the effect of large volume produced water discharges on Cook Inlet.

9. EPA proposes to expand the permit's discharge prohibition near protected areas, coastal marshes, and deltas.

10. EPA proposes to change the permit number from AKG-28-5000 to AKG-31-5000.

**Regulated entities.** The Proposed Permit regulates discharges from oil and gas extraction facilities located in Cook Inlet (e.g., coastal and offshore oil and gas extraction platforms and certain shore-based facilities); however, other types of facilities may also be subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in the Proposed Permit. To determine whether your facility, company, business, organization, etc., may be affected by today's action, you should carefully examine the applicability criteria in Part I of the Proposed Permit. Questions on the permit's application to specific facilities may also be directed to Ms. Shaw at the telephone number or address listed above.

The permit contains conditions and limitations that conform to the Offshore and Coastal Subcategories of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Effluent Limitations Guidelines set forth in 40