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Dear NPDES Storm Water Baseline Industrial permittee:

EPA published an important notice of interest to you in the Friday, 7/11/97, Federal Register. The Baseline Permit expires on 9/9/97, and permittees covered under this permit will need to transfer coverage to the NPDES Storm Water Multi-Sector Permit. Though most all Baseline permittees are immediately eligible to transfer, it was necessary to propose changes to the Multi-Sector Permit to expand the scope of coverage and address storm water monitoring requirements.

EPA will be holding 3 informal public meetings to describe the proposed changes:

7/21/97 1pm Howard Johnson Hotel at Hobby Airport, 7777 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 7/28/97 1pm Albuquerque Marriott Hotel, 2101 Louisiana Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, NM

8/11/97 9am EPA Regional Office, 12th Floor, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX

There will also be a formal public hearing on 8/11/97 at 1pm in the EPA Regional Office for those who wish to submit written and/or oral comments for the official record. Written or electronic comments can also be submitted through 8/15/97 to the addresses listed in the Federal Register notice. For further information, please reference 62 Fed. Reg. No 133, pages 37447-37475, visit our Internet web site at "www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6en/w/sw/hottopms.htm", or call EPA Storm Water Hotline at (800)245-6510. EPA will be sending information on transferring permit coverage within the next few weeks.

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