



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Reissuance of NPDES General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration Facilities in Federal Waters of Cook Inlet (AKG51000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed reissuance of NPDES General Permit and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10, proposes to reissue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration Facilities in Federal Waters of Cook Inlet (draft GP). The draft GP proposes to authorize certain discharges of pollutants into the federal waters of Cook Inlet from oil and gas exploration facilities subject to limits and requirements designed to minimize pollution and protect water quality.

DATES: Comments must be received by **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests regarding the draft GP must be submitted to *epar10wd-npdes@epa.gov* with the subject line: Public Comments on AKG51000.

The draft GP, Fact Sheet, and Ocean Discharge Criteria Evaluation are available on the EPA Region 10 website at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/npdes-general-permit-oil-and-gas-exploration-facilities-federal-waters-cook-inlet>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the administrative record and additional information concerning the draft GP are also available upon request. Requests may be made to Abigail Conner at conner.abigail@epa.gov or (206) 553-6358.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please see the draft GP and Fact Sheet.

Other Legal Requirements

This action is not a significant regulatory action and was therefore not submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Compliance with Endangered Species Act, Essential Fish Habitat, Paperwork Reduction Act, and other requirements are discussed in the fact sheet to the proposed permit.

This notice is given pursuant to 40 CFR 124.10(c)(2)(i).

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