

are conducted in accordance with 40 CFR part 22.

Under RCRA section 3008, the Administrator may issue an administrative order assessing a civil penalty against any person who has violated RCRA or its implementing regulations. Proceedings under RCRA section 3008 are conducted in accordance with 40 CFR part 22.

The procedures by which the public may comment on a proposed Class II penalty order, or participate in a Clean Water Act Class II penalty proceeding, are set forth in 40 CFR 22.45. The deadline for submitting public comment on this proposed final order is June 2, 2003. All comments will be transferred to the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB") of EPA for consideration. The powers and duties of the EAB are outlined in 40 CFR 22.4(a).

Pursuant to CWA section 311(b)(6)(C), EPA will not issue an order in this proceeding prior to the close of the public comment period.

Dated: April 24, 2003.

Robert A. Kaplan,

Acting Director, Multimedia Enforcement Division, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Final Issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges From Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and Indian Lands in the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island and Federal Facilities in Vermont

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Final Issuance of NPDES General Permits MAR040000; NHR040000; MAR04000I; CTR04000I; RIR04000I and VTR04000F.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency—Region 1, is today providing notice of final issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits for storm water discharges from small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) in the States of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, for federal facilities in the State of Vermont, and for Indian

Country lands in the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. The final NPDES general permits establish Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements, standards, prohibitions, and management practices for discharges of storm water from municipal separate storm sewer systems.

Owners and/or operators of small MS4s that discharge storm water will be required to submit an NOI to EPA—Region 1 to be covered by the general permit and will receive a written notification from EPA—Region 1 of permit coverage and authorization to discharge under the general permit. This general permit does not cover new sources as defined at 40 CFR 122.2.

DATES: The effective date of the permit is May 1, 2003. The permit will expire five years from the effective date. The Notice of Intent required by the permit must be submitted no later than July 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The final permit is based on an administrative record available for public review at EPA—Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection (CMU), 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023. Copies of information in the record are available upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the final permit may be obtained between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays from: Thelma Murphy, Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023; telephone: 617-918-1615; e-mail: murphy.thelma@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final general permit and the Response to Comments may be viewed over the Internet via the EPA—Region 1 Web site <http://www.epa.gov/ne/npdes/index.html>. To obtain a hard copy of the document, please contact Thelma Murphy. Contact information is provided above. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying requests. The Response to Comments document addresses comments received on the draft permit and identifies parts of the final permit which were changed based on the comments received on the draft permit.

Pursuant to section 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1342, EPA proposed and solicited public comment on NPDES draft general permits: MAR040000, NHR040000, MAR04000I, CTR04000I, RIR04000I and VTR04000F at 67 FR 61103 (September 27, 2002).

Region 1 held four informational public meetings and one public hearing. The Region received comments from communities, transportation agencies, watershed associations, and private citizens. Based on the comments received, some changes were made to the permit. Two addenda, one for endangered species and the other for historic properties, were added to the final permit. The purpose of the addenda is to provide guidance for municipalities in determining permit eligibility regarding endangered species and historic properties. Watershed specific requirements contained in the Massachusetts section of the general permit have been removed. Infiltration language has been clarified. Record retention has been increased from three years to five years. Other comments and questions are addressed in the response to comments document.

Other Legal Requirements

A. State Certification

Under section 401(a)(1) of the Act, EPA may not issue an NPDES permit until the state in which the discharge will originate grants or waives certification to ensure compliance with appropriate requirements of the Act and state law. The Region received certifications from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of New Hampshire.

B. Economic Impact (Executive Order 12866)

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735 (October 4, 1993)), the Agency must determine whether the regulatory action is "significant" and therefore subject to OMB review and the requirements of the Executive Order. The Order defines "significant regulatory action" as one that is likely to result in a rule that may have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or state, local, or tribal governments or communities; create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency, materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in the Executive Order. EPA has determined that this general permit is not a "significant regulatory action" under the terms of

Executive Order 12866 and is therefore not subject to formal OMB review prior to proposal.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, requires that EPA prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis for regulations that have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The permit being issued is not a "rule" subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Section 201 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), Public Law 104-4, generally requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their "regulatory actions" on State, local and tribal governments and the private sector. UMRA uses the term "regulatory actions" to refer to regulations. (See, e.g., UMRA section 201, "Each agency shall * * * assess the effects of Federal regulatory actions * * * (other than to the extent that such regulations incorporate requirements specifically set forth in law)" (emphasis added)). UMRA section 102 defines "regulation" by reference to section 658 of Title 2 of the U.S. Code, which in turn defines "regulation" and "rule" by reference to section 601(2) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA). That section of the RFA defines "rule" as "any rule for which the agency publishes a notice of proposed rulemaking pursuant to section 553(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), or any other law * * *". NPDES general permits are not "rules" under the APA and thus not subject to the APA requirements to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking. NPDES general permits are also not subject to such a requirement under the Clean Water Act. While EPA publishes a notice to solicit public comment on draft general permits, it does so pursuant to the CWA section 402(a) requirement to provide "an opportunity for a hearing." Thus, NPDES general permits are not "rules" for RFA or UMRA purposes.

Dated: April 21, 2003.

Robert W. Varney,

Regional Administrator, Region 1.

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FEDERAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

Notice of New Interpretation of Federal Financial Accounting Standards, Accounting for Imputed Intra-Departmental Costs: An Interpretation of SFFAS No. 4

Board Action: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), as amended, and the FASAB Rules of Procedure, as amended in October, 1999, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) has issued a new Interpretation, *Accounting for Imputed Intra-Departmental Costs: An Interpretation of SFFAS No. 4*.

A summary of the Interpretation follows: On April 18, 2003, the Federal Accounting Standard Advisory Board (FASAB) issued Interpretation No. 6, *Accounting for Imputed Intra-Departmental Costs: An Interpretation of SFFAS No. 4*. The proposed interpretation clarifies that paragraph 110 of SFFAS No. 4 does not limit the recognition of imputed intra-departmental costs. The interpretation further explains that intra-departmental costs should be accounted for in accordance with the full cost of provisions of SFFAS No. 4, which includes the recognition of imputed intra-departmental costs.

The interpretation is available on the FASAB Home page <http://www.fasab.gov/interpretations.htm>. Copies can be obtained by contacting FASAB at (202) 512-7350, or loughanm@fasab.gov.

Wendy M. Comes, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board, 441 G Street, NW., Suite 6814, Mail Stop 6K17V, Washington, DC 20548.

For Further Information, Contact:

Wendy Comes, Executive Director, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463.

Dated: April 28, 2003.

Wendy M. Comes,

Executive Director.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Public Information Collection(s) Requirement Submitted to OMB for Emergency Review and Approval

April 21, 2003.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before June 2, 2003. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Kim A. Johnson, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236 NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-3562 or via internet at Kim_A.Johnson@omb.eop.gov, and Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or a copy of the information collection(s) contact Les Smith at 202-418-0217 or via internet at Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has requested emergency OMB review of this collection with an approval by April 25, 2003.

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