

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6, plans to renew the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for the Territorial Seas of Texas (No. TXG260000) for discharges from existing and new dischargers and New Sources in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category as authorized by section 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1342. The permit will supersede the previous general permit (TXG260000) issued on September 6, 2005 and expired on November 4, 2010. On the date when EPA posts a public notice on the Federal Register in early October 2011, the draft permit and supporting documents will be available for public review on EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/npdes/genpermit/index.htm>. The Federal Register notice will announce the dates of the public comment period on the proposed permit and provide instructions on how to submit comments.

EPA Region 6 will be holding an informal public meeting which will include a presentation on the proposed general permit and a question and answer session at:

Place: South Regional Branch Library, First Floor Lobby Meeting Room, 2101 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77380

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Written, but not oral, comments on the proposed permit will be accepted at the public meeting for the administrative record. Written comments generated from what was learned at the public meeting may also be submitted any time up to the end of the comment period.

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