

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

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Comment Period Closes: September 17, 2011

The U.S. EPA is issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act. The USEPA is proposing to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to:

Nacogdoches Oil and Gas, Inc. ("NOGI")
English Lease Boundary Butte
P.O. Box 623418
Nacogdoches, Texas 75963

NOGI owns and operates the Battery No. 1 and Battery No. 3 on the English Lease within the Boundary Butte oil field, which is located on the Navajo Nation in southeastern Utah. Wastewater discharges from the two Batteries via Outfall No.001 and Outfall No. 002. Water is separated from oil using heat treaters then allowed to settle in a series of settling ponds before being discharged into an unnamed tributary which flows approximately 10.5 miles to Chinle Wash, itself a tributary to the San Juan River. The average flow from Outfall No. 001 is 12,000 gallons per day, with a maximum flow of 80,000 gallons or 0.08 million gallons (MGD) per day recorded. There is no measureable flow from Outfall No. 002 most of the time, however, a maximum flow of about 40,000 gallons or 0.04 million gallons (MGD) per day has been recorded.

EPA is soliciting comments on the proposal. EPA will consider all comments received during comment period before taking final action. To submit comments, or to obtain additional information including the proposed permits and administrative records, please contact:

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