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### **Part B—Assistance for Education of All Children With Disabilities**

#### *Section 614—Evaluations, Eligibility Determinations, Individualized Education Programs, and Educational Placements*

Topic Addressed: Individualized Education Programs

○ Letter dated May 21, 2013, to New England Juvenile Defender Center President Christopher Northrop, regarding parent participation at individualized education program (IEP) team meetings.

○ Dear Colleague Letter dated June 19, 2013, regarding the requirements in Part B of the IDEA to provide braille instruction for children who are blind or visually impaired.

#### *Section 615—Procedural Safeguards*

Topic Addressed: Discipline Procedures

○ Letter dated April 2, 2013, to Utah State Director of Special Education Glenna Gallo, regarding the requirements in Part B of the IDEA that apply to functional behavioral assessments.

### **Part C—Infants and Toddlers With Disabilities**

#### *Section 636—Individualized Family Service Plan*

Topic Addressed: Natural Environments

○ Letter dated April 18, 2013, to Utah Provider Consortium Chairperson Marsha Johnson, regarding the meaning of community settings for purposes of meeting the natural environments requirement in Part C of the IDEA.

#### *Section 639—Procedural Safeguards*

Topic Addressed: Confidentiality of Records

○ Letter dated May 8, 2013, to North Texas Rehabilitation Center Early Childhood Intervention Program Director Charlcie Flinn, regarding the confidentiality requirements that apply to early intervention records of infants and toddlers with disabilities in Part C of the IDEA and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

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Dated: January 6, 2014.

**Michael K. Yudin,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 9**

**[FRL–9905–23–Region 9]**

### **Reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration, Development and Production Operations Off Southern California**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final NPDES general permit.

**SUMMARY:** EPA Region 9 is today publishing this notice of availability of its final general NPDES permit (permit No. CAG280000) for discharges from offshore oil and gas exploration, development and production facilities located in Federal waters off the coast of Southern California. The general permit establishes effluent limitations, prohibitions, and other conditions for discharges from facilities that engage in such operations within the geographic coverage area of the general permit. The general permit applies to 23 existing development and production platforms as well as to any new exploratory drilling operations located in and discharging to the specified lease blocks on the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf covered by the permit. The new general permit replaces the previous general permit issued on September 22, 2004 (69 FR 56761).

**DATES:** For purposes of judicial review the permit is considered issued on January 23, 2014. The final permit was signed on December 20, 2013 and is effective on March 1, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** The final general permit and other related documents in the administrative record are on file and may be inspected any time between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the following address: U.S. EPA, Region 9, NPDES Permits Office (WTR–5), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Eugene Bromley, EPA, Region 9, NPDES Permits Office (WTR–5), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105–3901, or telephone (415) 972–3510. Copies of the final general permit, Addendum to Fact Sheet and the Response to Public Comments will be provided upon request and are also available at EPA, Region 9's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/npdes/permits.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public notice of Region 9's tentative decision to issue the permit was published in the **Federal Register** on December 20, 2012 (77 FR 75429), and in the Santa Barbara News-Press on December 19, 2012. The public comment period closed on February 4, 2013. Region 9 received written comments from eight parties concerning the proposed permit. Region 9 prepared a separate document (Response to Public Comments) which discusses these comments in more detail and Region 9's responses to the comments.

For the most part, the final permit is very similar to the permit proposed in December 2012. However, the monitoring requirements for produced water discharges were revised based on public comments and also discussions between Region 9 and California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff concerning Region 9's consistency determination for the permit pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). Region 9 also added a requirement to maintain an inventory of the chemicals used to formulate well treatment, completion and workover fluids, and if there is a discharge of the fluids, to report the chemical formulation with the quarterly discharge monitoring report. This requirement was added in response to recent concerns regarding the potential effects of discharges of fluids used for offshore hydraulic fracturing operations.

The final permit also includes a number of technical corrections and other relatively minor revisions based on public comment or other sources. These revisions are discussed in more detail in the Response to Public Comments and the final Addendum to Fact Sheet.

B. *Endangered Species Act (ESA)*. The ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR Part 402) require EPA to ensure, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior or Commerce, that any action authorized, funded or carried out by EPA is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species or adversely affect its critical habitat.

For the 2004 permit, Region 9 concluded that the authorized discharges would not affect listed species or critical habitat for the species. For the general permit reissuance, Region 9 reconsidered this matter, but again concluded that the discharges would not affect such species. Region 9 also forwarded the draft permit and fact sheet to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for review and comment on Region 9's conclusion, but no comments were received.

C. *Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA)*. The CZMA provides that a Federal license or permit for activities affecting the coastal zone of a state may not be granted until a state with an approved Coastal Management Plan (CMP) concurs that the activities authorized by the permit are consistent with the CMP. In California, the CZMA authority is the CCC.

In accordance with the requirements of the CZMA and its implementing regulations at 15 CFR Part 930, Region 9 submitted a consistency determination for the draft permit to the CCC in a letter dated December 20, 2012. Region 9 and CCC staff also met in spring 2013 to discuss the permit and conditions necessary to ensure consistency with the CMP. Based on those discussions, Region 9 submitted an amended consistency determination in a letter dated May 2, 2013. At a public meeting held on June 12, 2013, the CCC concurred with Region 9's consistency determination.

D. *Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act*. The 1996 amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act set forth a number of new mandates for NMFS, regional fishery management councils, and Federal agencies to identify and protect important marine and anadromous fish habitat. Regional fishery management councils, with assistance from NMFS, are required to delineate essential fish habitat (EFH).

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that Federal agencies consult with NMFS on all actions undertaken by the agency which may adversely affect EFH. For the 2004 general permit, EPA

concluded that the discharges would not have a significant adverse effect on EFH. After a consultation was held regarding the 2004 permit, NMFS concurred with Region 9's conclusion.

For the general permit reissuance, Region 9 reconsidered the effects of the discharges on EFH, but again concluded that the discharges would not have a significant adverse effect on EFH. The draft permit and fact sheet were forwarded to NMFS for review and comment on Region 9's conclusion, but no comments were received.

E. *Permit Appeal Procedures*. Within 120 days following the date the permit is considered issued for purposes of judicial review, any interested person may appeal the permit decision in the Federal Court of Appeals in accordance with Section 509(b)(1) of the CWA. Persons affected by a general permit may not challenge the conditions of a general permit as a right in further Agency proceedings. They may instead either challenge the general permit in court, or apply for an individual permit as specified at 40 CFR 122.21 (and authorized at 40 CFR 122.28), and then petition the Environmental Appeals Board to review any condition of the individual permit (40 CFR 124.19).

F. *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 issued today is not a "rule" subject to the Regulatory Flexibility Act. EPA prepared a regulatory flexibility analysis, however, on the promulgation of the Offshore Subcategory guidelines on which many of the permit's effluent limitations are based. That analysis has shown that issuance of this permit would not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

G. *Paperwork Reduction Act*. The information collection required by this final permit has been approved by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, in submissions made for the NPDES permit program and assigned OMB control numbers 2040-0086 (NPDES permit application) and 2040-0004 (discharge monitoring reports).

**Authority:** Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*

Dated: December 20, 2013.

**Jane Diamond,**

*Director, Water Division, EPA Region 9.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than January 24, 2014.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Adam M. Drimer, Assistant Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *Randolph Gillespie Rogers*, Hartsville, South Carolina; to acquire voting shares of Regional Bankshares, Inc., and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Heritage Community Bank, both in Hartsville, South Carolina.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 6, 2014.

**Michael J. Lewandowski,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of