

radioactively contaminated sites, for modeling transport to people, and for estimating risk to individuals and populations acceptable for providing a technical basis for writing a cleanup standard?

(2a) Are the assumptions for the combined residential/agricultural land use scenario, and the pathways model, reasonable and suitable for assessing risk at radioactively contaminated sites?

(2b) Are the assumptions for the combined industrial/commercial land use scenario, and the pathways model, reasonable and suitable for assessing risk at radioactively contaminated sites?

(3) Is RESRAD version 5.01 (specific reference to RESRAD may be omitted) suitable for modeling radiation risk to individuals at radioactively contaminated sites?

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#### Final NPDES General Permits for Produced Water and Produced Sand Discharges From the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category to Coastal Waters in Louisiana (LAG290000) and Texas (TXG290000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6.

ACTION: Issuance of Final NPDES Permits.

SUMMARY: Region 6 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today issues final NPDES General Permits regulating discharges of produced water and produced sand derived from oil and gas point source facilities. The permits prohibit the discharge of produced water and produced sand derived from Coastal Subcategory (40 CFR part 435, subpart D) to any water subject to EPA jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. Discharges to "coastal" waters of Louisiana and Texas of produced water and produced sand derived from most Stripper Subcategory (40 CFR part 435, subpart F) and all Offshore Subcategory (40 CFR part 435, subpart A) facilities covered by these permits are prohibited. Under Permit TXG290000, Stripper Subcategory facilities located east of the 98th meridian whose produced water is derived from the Carrizo/Wilcox, Reklaw or Bartosh formations in Texas and whose produced water does not exceed 3000 mg/l Total Dissolved Solids may discharge produced water subject to effluent limitations on oil and grease of 25 mg/l monthly average and 35 mg/l daily maximum. TXG290000 prohibits the discharge of produced sand derived from those facilities. Produced water derived from Stripper Subcategory and Offshore Subcategory wells which discharge to the main deltaic passes of the Mississippi River or to the Atchafalaya River below Morgan City including Wax Lake Outlet, are not covered by Permit No. LAG290000, but may be regulated in future NPDES permitting actions. Permittees include commercial disposal facilities as well as oil and gas operators generating produced water and sand.

Region 6 is also issuing an administrative order requiring permittees discharging produced water from existing Coastal, Stripper or Offshore Subcategory wells which must meet the No Discharge requirement for produced water to meet that requirement no later than January 1, 1997 unless an earlier compliance date is required by the State.

DATES: These permits will become effective on February 8, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Notifications required by these permits should be sent to the Water Management Division, Enforcement Branch (6W-EA), EPA Region 6, P.O. Box 50625, Dallas, Texas 75202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Ms. Ellen Caldwell, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202; telephone: (214) 665 7513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA issues these general permits pursuant to its authority under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1342. These permits cover discharges of produced water and produced sand derived from Oil and Gas Point Source Category Facilities to coastal waters of Louisiana and Texas. Discharges regulated by these permits include those from Coastal Subcategory (40 CFR part 435, subpart D) facilities in Louisiana and Texas, discharges from the Stripper Subcategory (40 CFR part 435, subpart F) that discharge to coastal waters of Louisiana and Texas, and discharges from some Offshore Subcategory (40 CFR part 435, subpart A) to coastal waters of Louisiana and Texas. These permits do not authorize discharges from "new sources" as defined in 40 CFR 122.2.

Public notice of the draft permits was published in the **Federal Register** on December 22, 1992 (57 FR 60926) and in the Houston Post and New Orleans Times Picayune on January 9, 1993. As then announced, the comment period was to close on February, 9, 1993, but Region 6 subsequently extended it to March 15, 1993 because of numerous telephone and written requests for additional time. (57 FR 6968, February 3, 1993). Region 6 considered all comments it received in formulating the final permits. The Region has prepared a detailed Response to Comments, but is not publishing it in this **Federal Register** notice for practical reasons. A copy may be obtained from Ms. Caldwell at the address supplied above.

EPA Region 6 made a number of changes to the permits as a result of comments. Under Permit No. TXG290000, facilities in the Stripper Subcategory located east of the 98th meridian whose produced water comes from the Carrizo/Wilcox, Reklaw or Bartosh formations in Texas and whose produced water does not exceed 3000 mg/l Total Dissolved Solids are allowed to discharge produced water subject to an effluent limitation of 3000 mg/l for Total Dissolved Solids and oil and grease limits of 25 mg/l monthly average and 35 mg/l daily maximum. Associated