Permits and TMDLs Branch Action Items for Week of May 30-June 2, 2017

Upcoming Meeting/Program Review

LDEQ PQR

- **Type of Event:** Preliminary discussions with Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to set up the FY17 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program - Permit Quality Review (PQR) – (EPA R6 FY17 commitment)
- **Date/Place of the Event:** Need to contact and coordinate with LDEQ **ASAP** regarding the proposed review dates. (EPA has significant preparation work prior to this review.) We will propose that the PQR occur mid-June 2017/@ LDEQ offices
- **Description of the event/subject matter:** PQRs assess whether a state adequately implements the requirements of the NPDES program as reflected in the permit and other supporting documents. PQRs are intended to promote national consistency, identify successes in implementing the NPDES program, and establishes opportunities for improvement in developing NPDES permits and can be helpful in identifying areas for training or guidance.
- **EPA Participants involved in the event:** R6WQ-PO staff, and possibly EPA HQs OWM-WPD staff/contractor support
- **Approximate Number of people in attendance:** R6WQ-PO (1 or 2) and EPA HQs/contractor (1 or 2)

Los Alamos Designation Meetings

- **Type of Event:** Informational Meetings with Potentially Affected Parties on Petition to Designate Storm Water Permits in Los Alamos County, NM
- **Date/Place of the Event:** Expected by June 19, 2017. Dates to be coordinated with NMED, Los Alamos County, NMDOT, and LANL
- **Description of the event/subject matter:** Discussions on potential permittee comments on preliminary designation.
- **EPA Participants involved in the event:** R6WQ-PP staff
- **Approximate Number of people in attendance:** 10-15

Public Meetings/Public Hearings on Proposed OCS General Permit

- **Type of Event:** Informational Meetings and formal Public Hearings
- **Date/Place of the Event:**

  Place: Houston Marriott South Hobby at Hobby Airport
  9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017
  Time: Public Meeting from 6:00 pm; Public Hearing from 7:30 pm
  Date: June 20, 2017

  Place: Holiday Inn Metairie New Orleans Airport – Magnolia Ballroom
  2261 N. Causeway Blvd, Metairie, LA 70001
  Time: Public Meeting from 6:00 pm; Public Hearing from 7:30 pm
  Date: June 21, 2017

- **Description of the event/subject matter:** Informal informational meetings and formal Public Hearings on the draft NPDES general permit for discharges from oil and gas exploration and production activities in the central and western Gulf of Mexico. Notice of the proposed permit was published in the Federal Register on May 11, 2017, and newspaper notices of the meetings/hearing was published May 19, 2017.
- **EPA Participants involved in the event:** R6 WQ-P and ORC staff
- **Approximate Number of people in attendance:** ~30-100 each meeting

Action Items

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Seminole Generating Station (OK0000451, ID # I-67000040) – State Permit Review

This facility operates a 1,500 megawatt natural gas-fired steam electric power generating station, which does not appear to have controversial issues. Upon further review of the proposed permit, EPA will determine the appropriate response for issuance to ODEQ no later than June 2, 2017.

City of Rio Rancho (NM0027987) Municipal Ordinance Review

The City of Rio Rancho has sent in their municipal ordinance, which has been modified to incorporate the 2005 Streamlining Regulation, for preliminary review. The 2007 Model Sewer Use Ordinance will be used to ensure the ordinance meets all federal requirements. Once the review process is completed an "approvability" letter will be sent, which will instruct the City to submit the ordinance to the City Council for final approval. It is not anticipated that this ordinance will be controversial.

Harris County Fresh Water Supply District No. 61 (TPDES Permit No. WQ0010876002, EPA No. TX0091804), State Permit Review This draft permit is currently under review. No significant issues are expected to be discovered; however, worst case scenario, this draft permit will be submitted as an Interim Objection, by its regulatory deadline of Friday, June 9, 2017.

City of Henderson (TPDES Permit No. WQ0010187001, EPA No. TX0052779), State Permit Review This draft permit is currently under review. No significant issues are expected to be discovered; however, worst case scenario, this draft permit will be submitted as an Interim Objection, by its regulatory deadline of Friday, June 9, 2017.

Chimney Hill Municipal Utility District (TPDES Permit No. WQ0012304001, EPA No. TX0085588), State Permit Review This draft permit is currently under review. No significant issues are expected to be discovered; however, worst case scenario, this draft permit will be submitted as an Interim Objection, by its regulatory deadline of Friday, June 9, 2017.

City of Public Service of San Antonio (TPDES Permit No. TX0002682, WQ0001516000) – The NPDES Permits and TMDLs Branch will issue a comment letter to the TCEQ regarding the reissuance of a TPDES permit for the City of Public Service of San Antonio located in the City of San Antonio, TX. The permittee operated a steam electric station. It is currently undergoing demolition and there's no effluent discharge. The draft permit includes a daily maximum limit for total dissolved solids that is above the water quality standard.

Gulbrandsen Tech, Inc. (TPDES Permit No. TX0006157, WQ0005214000) – The NPDES Permits and TMDLs Branch will issue a response letter to the TCEQ regarding the issuance of a TPDES permit for Gulbrandsen Tech, Inc., an inorganic chemical manufacturing facility located in the City of LaPorte, TX. The discharges are to the receiving water body the San Jacinto Bay, Segment no. 2427 of the Bays and Estuaries.

SWEPCO (TPDES Permit No. TX0087726, WQ0002496000) – The NPDES Permits and TMDLs Branch will issue a response letter to the TCEQ regarding the reissuance of a TPDES permit for SWEPCO (Southwestern Electric Power Company) located in the City of Hallsville, TX. The applicant currently operates the Henry W. Pirkey power plant, a lignite-fired steam electric power generation plant. Discharges are to the Sabine River Above Toledo Bend Reservoir, Segment No. 0505 of the Sabine River Basin.

Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP), LLC, Deepwater Port Complex, (joint venture of Marathon Pipe Line LLC, Valero Terminal and Distribution Company, and Shell Oil Company) (LPDES Permit No. LA0049492, AI No. 4634) - State Permit Review and EPA Permit Issuance AND Call with LDEQ

The existing wastewater permit which was jointly issued by EPA & LDEQ expired September 30, 2013. EPA and LDEQ are continuing to work together on the proposed reissuance of the permit regarding appropriate permit requirements for brine discharges. This situation is similar to the Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) under the U.S. Department of Energy, (Big Hill Oil Storage, TX0092827, and Bryan Mound Oil Storage, TX0074012).EPA reissued these permits in November 2014. An EPA and LDEQ conference call is planned for ASAP, to discuss LDEQ's proposal regarding a possible alternate approach for the brine discharge permit requirements. The joint LDEQ/EPA permit will be reissued ASAP. R6 upper management briefings are planned to begin in late-May 2017.

Formosa Plastics Corporation, Louisiana (Baton Rouge, LA), (LPDES Permit No. LA0006149, AI No.288) - State Permit Review

This facility manufactures organic chemicals and is proposing to increase its production. EPA plans to issue a response letter with recommendations, as soon as possible, but no later than May 31, 2017, the regulatory deadline.

CITGO Petroleum Corporations, Lake Charles Manufacturing Complex (Westlake, LA) (LPDES Permit No. LA0005941, AI No. 1250) - State Permit Review

This facility is comprised of three units: the Main Refinery, the Propylene Fractionation Unit, and the Lubricants and Wax Plant. EPA plans to issue a response letter with recommendations, as soon as possible, but no later than May 31, 2017, the regulatory deadline.

Denka Performance Elastomer LLC, Pontchartrain Plant (LaPlace, LA) (LPDES Permit No. LA0127190, AI No.193310) - State Permit Review

Denka is a new owner of a portion of this existing synthetic rubber manufacturer with neoprene and chloroprene manufacturing units. (DuPont retained a portion of the facility under its existing permit, LA0005924, AI No. 38806). EPA and LDEQ have ongoing air-related efforts at this facility. EPA anticipates a possible interim objection no later than May 31, 2017, the regulatory deadline.

North Little Rock Wastewater Utility- Five Mile Creek WWTP (NPESS Permit AR0020320) – State Permit Review

NPDES Permits and TMDL Branch proposes to send a response to ADEQ regarding the proposed reissuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit by the regulatory due date June 10, 2017. Five Mile Wastewater Treatment Plant is located at 5601 East 54th Street, North Little Rock in Pulaski County, Arkansas. No major issue has been identified in initial permit review.