6XA Communications Tracker 10/4/2018

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1	**Action Date**	**Program**	**Detailed Description**	**XA POC**	**Division POC**	**Comments**
						From the EPA Events Organizer
2	12/20/17	6MM	On December 20 in Little Rock, AR, R6 staff will meet with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission. This is part of a series of meetings with our state regulatory partners to discuss coordination in addressing issues and concerns related to the oil and gas industry. This effort is in support of Administrator Pruitt's July 2017 commitment for increased coordination and collaboration.		William Rhea	
3	1/9/18	6MM	On January 9 in Baton Rouge, LA, R6 staff will meet with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation. This is part of a series of meetings with our state regulatory partners to discuss coordination in addressing issues and concerns related to the oil and gas industry. This effort is in support of Administrator Pruitt's July 2017 commitment for increased coordination and collaboration.		William Rhea	From the EPA Events Organizer
4	1/17/2018	6MM	On a date to be determined (perhaps January 17) in Austin, TX, R6 staff will meet with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Texas Railroad Commission. This is part of a series of meetings with our state regulatory partners to discuss coordination in addressing issues and concerns related to the oil and gas industry. This effort is in support of Administrator Pruitt's July 2017 commitment for increased coordination and collaboration.		William Rhea	From the EPA Events Organizer
5	12/18/17	6SF	Eagle Industries,Midwest City, Oklahoma - Site Planning MeetingOn December 18, 2017, EPA and the Oklahoma Department ofEnvironmental Quality will meet and begin discussions on remedial investigationscoping for the Eagle Industries site located in Midwest City, Oklahoma. Thegroup will discuss history, the current site conceptual model, potential RIactivities, potential early/interim actions, community involvement, andprojected time lines.			

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6 6	12/19/17		12/19/17	OEJTA/ ECRCO	(SWQR) alleging that the city of Albuquerque's Environmental Health Department Air Quality Program (EHD) and the Air Quality Control Board (Board) violated Title VI. EPA's External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO) accepted the complaint on July 19, 2016 and has pursued an informal resolution agreement with the city. Both city entities declined ECRCO's proposal to enter into an informal resolution agreement and asked EPA to complete its investigation of the complaint. The December	Jonathan Wang	aughn, Arathi	Trapathi
7 7	12/22/17		12/22/17	OEJTIA-6WD- ORC	Nation to apply for Treatment in a Similar Manner as a State (TAS) for federally approved water quality standards (WQS). The agreement was approved by EPA Region 6 on January 13, 2011. The Nation submitted a WQS TAS application on September 12, 2014, and no final action to	Jonathan Wang	Randy Gee	
8 8	1/20/18		1/20/18	Water Quality Standards	APC&EC adopted a Third Party Rule for the Southwestern Electric Company (SWEPCO) Turk Power Plant for site-specific mineral criteria from the discharge of blowdown water to the Little River, and Red River in AR,	Joe Hubbard	Russell Nelson	**EPA initially disapproved the criteria, but subsequently approved chloride, sulfate and TDS criteria for the Little River and is preparing to approve the TDS criteria applicable to the Red River follow conclusion of consultation under the Endangered Species Act**

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~~9~~	~~12/13/17~~		~~12/13/17~~	~~Water Quality~~	~~Harrison and Yellville WWTPs for site-specific mineral~~	~~Joe Hubbard~~	~~Russell Nelson~~	~~EPA action is pending.~~
9	**12/13/17**							
10 10	2/28/18		2/28/18	Act (CWA) Se	Approve Oklahoma's 2016 list of "impaired" waters (yet to be formally submitted) pursuant to Section 303(d) of Clean Water Act	Joe Hubbard	Wooster, Linds	Assessment, Listing and TMDL staff have provided comments on previous drafts of Oklahoma's 2016 list of impaired waters. We anticipate formal submittal of the list by ODEQ before the end of January, 2018. EPA would approve the state's submittal within 30 days (per statute), provided ODEQ has addressed prior comments
11 11	1/26/18		1/26/18	Act (CWA) Se	Illinois River Watershed and Lake Tenkiller for Public and Stakeholder Review. Post newspaper notice in Watershed area; Provide listserve/email notifications; Update website. Although comments will be solicited, this will not	Joe Hubbard	Wooster, Taim	and Arkansas, in addition to the Cherokee Nation, to develop scientifically defensible water quality models as a step towards attaining water quality standards in the Illinois River Watershed and in Lake Tenkiller. Region 6 and our
12 12	3/9/18		3/9/18	Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d)	Illinois River public meetings (2): Practitioner-level meeting in the morning; and, lesser-technical meeting in the evening	Joe Hubbard	Wooster, Taim	Previous public meetings have been convened in the Illinois River Watershed at the Cherokee Hotel in West Siloam Springs, OK. We would plan to follow that precedent.
13 13	12/12/17		12/12/17	NPDES	The Center of Biological Diversity filed a 60 day Notice of Intent to Sue EPA on November 11, 2017 for the final issuance of Offshore Oil and Gas General Permit (GMG290000) prior to completion of section 7(a) ESA consultation	Joe Hubbard	,x 7523; Isaac	NOAA required consolidating the BOEM/EPA consultations. EPA Region 6 conducted an Endangered Species Act Evaluation on October 12, 2016 and determined that our permiting action would have no adverse effect on listed species and would not adversely modify critical habitat. According to Section 7(a)(2) and 7(d) of the ESA, EPA may issue a permit as long as there is not a reasonable likelihood that the discharges would cause jeopardy or adversely affect listed species. EPA is allowed to issue the permit prior to completion of the consultation with NOAA Marine Fisheries (NMFS). NMFS also concurred on EPA's Essential Fish Habitat Assessment on September 6, 2017; however, the joint consultation has not been deemed completed.
~~14~~ 14	**1/1/18**		**1/1/18**	NPDES	LOOP permit (joint LDEQ/EPA permit)	Joe Hubbard	x6729; Brent L	after receiving LOOP's proposal. LOOP's final proposal is due on December 15th, in which they plan on substantiating
15 15	Next 60 days		Next 60 days	NPDES	Petition against EPA's issuance of a permit for Los Alamos National Lab (LANL) Outfall # 051	Joe Hubbard	Brent Larsen, x7523	On November 3, 2017, Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety (CCNS) responded to EPA's response to the their petition. CCNS requests an opportunity to present oral arguments in front of the Environmental Appeals Board. LANL requested NPDES permit coverage for their outfall 051. CCNS believes that LANL is requesting coverage for the outfall in order to have a permit shield against following the more stringent RCRA requirements. EPA maintains that if a facility believes that they may have a discharge, then they are required to have permit coverage prior to a discharge.

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16 16	2/22/18		2/22/18	NPDES - Stormwater	Final NPDES Permit New Mexico State-wide MS4 General Permit NM R040000	Joe Hubbard	x 7523; Nelly S		Final issuance of NPDES General Permit for storm water discharges form Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) in New Mexico, except those in the Albuquerque and Los Alamos areas. After signature of the final permit by the Division Director, a Federal Register notice will be prepared announcing the availability of the new permit.
17 17	2/1/17		2/1/17	NPDES	Conference call with TCEQ to discuss implementation plan for review of State drafted permits.	Joe Hubbard	cey Dwyer, x 6		As a follow up to the EPA/TCEQ LEAN event/workshop that occurred Dec. 5th - 7th at the TCEQ office in Austin, Upper management and staff members of the TCEQ and the EPA Region 6 (Water Division) will have a meeting via conference call to discuss the status of action items and the implementation plan regarding oversight permit reviews. The primary focus and target of the LEAN project is to evaluate the permit review process of both agencies, to reduce the backlog of TPDES permits and expedite resolutions of pending permits and permit issuance.

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~~18~~			~~12/20/2017~~	~~NPDES~~	~~EPA comments on LDEQ's draft LACC permit.~~	~~Joe Hubbard~~	~~cey Dwyer, x 6~~	waters in Louisana. It is currently unclear whether the discharge will be in compliance with existing TMDLs. EPA
18	12/20/2017							
19 19	1/23/18		1/23/18	NPDES	Dr. Skaggs of the Lake Ponchatrain Basin Foundation has requested a conference call to discuss concerns regarding LDEQ's use of Wetlands for wastewater treatment.	Joe Hubbard	cey Dwyer, x 6	Systems. For example, Lake Pontchartrain Foundation & others have called for a moratorium on "new" systems. EPA discuss the subject during the LDEQ Permit Quality Review in October 2017. LDEQ is currently reviewing inspection
20 20	1/1/18		1/1/18	NPDES	ADEQ's response to EPA's interim objection on the GP Crossett draft permit	Joe Hubbard	6729; Monica	ADEQ has been in discussions with EPA regarding GP's submission of supplemental information that was needed for ADEQ to respond to EPA's May 19, 2017 Interim Objection. The modeling that GP Crossett submitted is technically incorrect for the type of flow conditions that exist. Additional discussions are scheduled within the next month.
21 21	Next 60 days		Next 60 days	NPDES	Finalization of Territorial Seas General Permit & Coastal General Permit. Notice of Stripper Well General Permit.	Joe Hubbard	ent Larsen, x75	**Finalization of the renewal of the Territorial Seas General Permit, Coastal Oil & Gas General Permit, and Stripper Well General Permit. Approximately 10 operators are covered under the Territorial GP and Stripper Well GP. All**
22 22	1/18/18		1/18/18	NPDES	Petition against EPA's issuance of the City of Ruidoso Downs WWTP permit	Joe Hubbard	Brent Larsen, x; Stacey Dwyer, x6729	EPA must provide a response by January 18, 2018 to the Environmental Appeals Board regarding the Petition filed by the Rio Hondo Land & Cattle Company. The Petitioner believes that the permit violates anti-backsliding requirements as the permit allowed more flow and loads. EPA contends that the renewed permit allowed the loading increases as per the revised TMDL.
23 23			an. 30 – Feb. 1:	Safe Drinking Water	Drinking Water 5-State Meeting; This annual meeting of the Region 6 State and EPA public water supply program managers and staff to discuss annual priorities and challenges.	Joe Hubbard		
24 24	~~12/18/17~~		**12/18/17**	Superfund Division-	attend a site Planning Meeting in Ardmore with Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality to begin discussions	Cary	John Meyer	

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25 25	Late-December 2017 to mid-January 2018		Late-December 2017 to mid-January 2018	Superfund Division-Remedial	Highlands Acid Pits Superfund Site, Houston, Texas. EPA will complete the site's 2017 Five Year Review and enter the information into SEMS for official record and access. (Tentative)	Cary	John Meyer	
26 26			cember to mid-	Superfund Division-Technical and Enforcement	San Mateo Creek Basin, Cibola and McKinley Counties, New Mexico. EPA is prepared to conduct a formal consultation with Laguna Pueblo concerning the San Mateo Creek Basin National Priorities List listing. A formal letter requesting the consultation was sent from EPA to Laguna Pueblo November 17, 2017.	Cary	Ben Banipal	
27 27	Late-December	to mid-	Late-December January	Superfund Div	Many Diversified Interest Superfund Site, Houston, Texas. E	Cary	John Meyer	