

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****[FRL-7593-1]****Final Reissuance of a General NPDES Permit for Facilities Related to Oil and Gas Extraction on the North Slope of the Brooks Range, Alaska—Permit Number AKG-33-0000****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Final Notice of reissuance of a general permit.

**SUMMARY:** On April 10, 2002, the general permit (GP) regulating activities related to the extraction of oil and gas on the North Slope of the Brooks Range in the state of Alaska expired. On May 24, 2003, EPA proposed to reissue this GP. There was a 45 day comment period. During the comment period, EPA received 5 comment letters on the GP. A Response to Comments was prepared for the GP. The Response to Comments also addresses comments made on the Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) coverage under this GP for the new source facility, BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc.'s Badami. Upon submission of a new Notice of Intent (NOI), Badami will be reauthorized with the number AKG-33-0001. An NOI must be submitted before EPA will authorize coverage under this GP.

**DATES:** The GP will be effective January 2, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the GP and Response to Comments are available upon request. Written requests may be submitted to EPA, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue OW-130, Seattle, WA 98101. Electronic requests may be mailed to: [washington.audrey@epa.gov](mailto:washington.audrey@epa.gov) or [godsey.cindi@epa.gov](mailto:godsey.cindi@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the GP, Fact Sheet and Response to Comments are available upon request. Requests may be made to Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or to Cindi Godsey at (907) 271-6561. Requests may also be electronically mailed to: [washington.audrey@epa.gov](mailto:washington.audrey@epa.gov) or [godsey.cindi@epa.gov](mailto:godsey.cindi@epa.gov).

These documents may also be found on the EPA Region 10 Web site at [www.epa.gov/r10earth/](http://www.epa.gov/r10earth/) then click on Water Quality, Permits (under NPDES) and then on recently issued permits under EPA Region 10 Information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Executive Order 12866**

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this action from the review requirements of Executive Order

12866 pursuant to Section 6 of that order.

The state of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), on November 19, 2003, has certified that the subject discharges comply with the applicable provisions of sections 208(e), 301, 302, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act.

The state of Alaska, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of Project Management and Permitting (OPMP), has conducted a review for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) and on July 22, 2003, agreed with EPA's determination that the general permit is consistent with the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP).

**Regulatory Flexibility Act**

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, a Federal agency must prepare an initial regulatory flexibility analysis "for any proposed rule" for which the agency "is required by section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), or any other law, to publish general notice of proposed rulemaking." The RFA exempts from this requirement any rule that the issuing agency certifies "will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities." EPA has concluded that NPDES general permits are permits, not rulemakings, under the APA and thus not subject to APA rulemaking requirements or the RFA. Notwithstanding that general permits are not subject to the RFA, EPA has determined that this GP, as issued, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Dated: November 20, 2003.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION****Public Information Collection(s) Requirement Submitted to OMB for Emergency Review and Approval**

November 24, 2003.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as

required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before January 2, 2004. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments to Kim A. Johnson, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10236 NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-3562 or via Internet at [Kim.A.Johnson@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Kim.A.Johnson@omb.eop.gov), and Les Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554 or via Internet to [Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection(s) contact Les Smith at 202-418-0217 or via Internet at [Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov](mailto:Leslie.Smith@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission has requested emergency OMB review of this collection with an approval by December 31, 2003.

*OMB Control Number:* 3060-XXXX.

*Title:* Digital Broadcast Content Protection, MB Docket No. 02-230.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,520.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 to 40 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion reporting requirements.

*Total Annual Burden:* 3,800 hours.

*Total Annual Cost:* None.

*Needs and Uses:* On November 4, 2003, the FCC released the Report and