

United States to Canada. The proposed project is known as the Saskatchewan Pipeline Project (Project) and is located at the Canadian border in Burke County, North Dakota. Additionally, Steel Reef requested a Presidential Permit for the Project's facilities.

On November 20, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—June 8, 2018

90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline—September 6, 2018

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

Project Description

Steel Reef's proposed Project includes border crossing facilities consisting of a 250-foot-long, 10.75-inch-diameter pipeline, a meter station, and associated appurtenant aboveground facilities. The Project would transport up to 30 million standard cubic feet per day of sour natural gas gathered from existing oil wells owned and operated by Petro Harvester Oil & Gas, LLC in Burke County, North Dakota.

Background

On January 11, 2018, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Saskatchewan Pipeline Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers.¹ In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding tribal consultation, and the North Dakota State

¹ Through an administrative error, the NOI was not mailed to interested Indian Tribes. On April 9, 2018, we subsequently sent the NOI to the Three Affiliated Tribes.

Water Commission regarding waterbody/wetland crossing permits.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the eLibrary link, select General Search from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and Docket Number excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP18–24), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–9977–36–OW]

The National Drinking Water Advisory Council: Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for a three-year appointment to the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC or Council). The 15-member Council was established by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to provide practical and independent advice, consultation, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the activities, functions, policies, and regulations required by the SDWA. This notice solicits nominations to fill four

vacancies from August 2018 through December 2020 and five vacancies from December 2018 through December 2021. To maintain the representation required by statute, nominees will be selected to represent state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply (two vacancies); private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply (two vacancies)—of which one such member shall be associated with small, rural public water systems; and the general public (five vacancies).

DATES: Nominations should be submitted on or before May 31, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to Tracey M. Ward, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), The National Drinking Water Advisory Council, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Mail Code 4601–M, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20460. You may also email nominations, with the subject line: “NDWAC Resume 2018,” to ward.tracey@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Email your questions to Tracey Ward at ward.tracey@epa.gov, or call (202) 564–3796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

National Drinking Water Advisory Council: The Council was created by Congress on December 16, 1974, as part of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, Public Law 93–523, 42 U.S.C. 300j–5, and is operated in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The Council consists of 15 members, including the chairperson, all of whom are appointed by the EPA Administrator. Five members represent appropriate state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; five members represent private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply—of which two such members shall be associated with small, rural public water systems; and five members represent the general public. The current list of members is available on the EPA's NDWAC website at <https://www.epa.gov/ndwac>, under “NDWAC Roster.”

The Council will meet in person once each year and may hold a second meeting, either in person or by video/teleconference, during the year. These meetings generally occur in the spring and fall. Additionally, members may be asked to participate in ad hoc workgroups to develop policy

recommendations, advice letters, and reports to address specific program issues.

Member Nominations: Any interested person and/or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership. The EPA values and welcomes diversity.

In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, the Agency encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

All nominations will be fully considered, but applicants need to be aware of the specific representation required by the SDWA for the upcoming vacancies: State and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply (two vacancies); private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply (two vacancies)—of which one such member shall be associated with small, rural public water systems; and the general public (five vacancies). Other criteria used to evaluate nominees will include:

- Demonstrated experience with drinking water issues at the national, state, or local level;
- Excellent interpersonal, oral, and written communication and consensus-building skills;
- Willingness to commit time to the Council and demonstrated ability to work constructively on committees;
- Absence of financial conflicts of interest;
- Absence of appearance of a lack of impartiality; and
- Background and experience that would help members contribute to the diversity of perspectives on the Council, e.g., geographic, economic, social, cultural, educational backgrounds, professional affiliations, and other considerations.

Nominations must include a resume, which provides the nominee's background, experience, and educational qualifications, as well as a brief statement (one page or less) describing the nominee's interest in serving on the Council and addressing the other criteria previously described. Nominees are encouraged to provide any additional information that they think would be useful for consideration, such as: Availability to participate as a member of the Council; how the nominee's background, skills, and experience would contribute to the diversity of the Council; and any concerns the nominee has regarding membership. Nominees should be identified by name, occupation, position, current business address, email, and telephone number. Interested

candidates may self-nominate. The DFO will acknowledge receipt of nominations.

Persons selected for membership will receive compensation for travel and a nominal, daily compensation (if appropriate) while attending meetings. Additionally, all selected candidates will be designated as Special Government Employees (SGEs) and will be required to submit the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Environmental Protection Agency Special Government Employees" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form provides information to the EPA's ethics officials, to determine whether there is a conflict between the SGE's public duties and their private interests, including an appearance of a loss of impartiality as defined by federal laws and regulations. The form may be viewed and downloaded through the "Ethics Requirements" link on the EPA's NDWAC website at <https://www.epa.gov/ndwac>.

Other sources, in addition to this **Federal Register** notice, may also be utilized in the solicitation of nominees. To help the EPA in evaluating the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, please tell us how you learned of this opportunity.

Dated: April 24, 2018.

Jennifer McLain,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9977-57—Region 10]

Re-issuance of a General NPDES Permit (GP) for Small Suction Dredges in Idaho

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10.

ACTION: Final reissuance of a general permit.

SUMMARY: The EPA is reissuing a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (IDG370000) for small suction dredge operations in Idaho (intake nozzle size of 5 inches in diameter or a diametric equivalent or less and with equipment rated at 15 horsepower or less). EPA provided a public comment period from December 13, 2017, through January 29, 2018. EPA received many comments suggesting that the requirements of the GP are not stringent enough to meet the State of Idaho's

WQS while other comments challenged EPA's authority to issue a permit for this activity. Additional comments questioned the meaning of some permit requirements. A Response to Comments document was prepared to address the comments received and explains any changes made to the draft to produce the final permit.

DATES: The final CWA § 401 Certification from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is dated April 11, 2018.

The GP will be effective May 2, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the general permit, Fact Sheet and Response to Comments are available upon request. Written requests may be submitted to EPA, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155, OWW-191, Seattle, WA 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The above documents may be found on the EPA Region 10 website at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/npdes-general-permit-small-suction-dredge-placer-miners-idaho>. Requests may also be made to Cindi Godsey at (206) 553-1676. Requests may also be electronically mailed to: godsey.cindi@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Executive Order 12866:* This action is not a significant regulatory action and was therefore not submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

Dated: April 25, 2018.

Daniel D. Opalski,

Director, Office of Water & Watersheds, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Final 2016 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Final 2016 Effluent Guidelines Program Plan (Final 2016 Plan). Section 304(m) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires the EPA to biennially publish a plan for new and revised effluent limitations guidelines, after public review and comment. The Final 2016 Plan identifies any new or