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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2533-062]

#### Brainerd Public Utilities; Notice of Waiver of Water Quality Certification

On January 23, 2023, Brainerd Public Utilities filed an application for a license for the Brainerd Hydroelectric Project in the above captioned docket. On February 1, 2023, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (Minnesota PCA) received a complete request for a Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1) water

quality certification from Brainerd Public Utilities in conjunction with the above captioned project.

On February 2, 2023, staff provided Minnesota PCA with written notice that the applicable reasonable period of time for it to act on the certification request was one (1) year from the date of receipt of the request, and that the certification requirement for the license would be waived if the certifying authority failed to act by February 1, 2024. Because Minnesota PCA did not act by February 1, 2024, we are notifying you pursuant to section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(1), that waiver of the certification requirement has occurred.

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Low Threat Discharges in Navajo Nation

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final NPDES general permit.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9 is publishing this notice of availability of its final general NPDES permit (Permit No. NNG990001) for water discharges from facilities classified as low threat located in the Navajo Nation. Use of a general NPDES permit in the location described above allows EPA and dischargers to allocate resources in a more efficient manner, obtain timely permit coverage, and avoid issuing resource intensive individual permits to each facility, while simultaneously providing greater certainty and efficiency to the regulated community while ensuring consistent permit conditions for comparable facilities.

**DATES:** For purposes of judicial review the permit is considered issued on April 3, 2024. The final permit is effective on May 1, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The final general permit and other related documents in the administrative record are on file and may be inspected any time between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at: U.S.

EPA, Region 9, NPDES Permits Office (WTR-2-3), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the final General Permit, Fact Sheet and Response to Public Comments are available at EPA, Region 9's website at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/npdes-permits-epas-pacific-southwest-region-9>. If there are issues accessing the website, please contact EPA via contact information below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Sheth, EPA Region 9, Water Division, NPDES Permits Office; telephone (415) 972-3516; email address: [sheth.gary@epa.gov](mailto:sheth.gary@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. Administrative Process

Public notice of EPA Region 9's tentative decision to issue the permit was published in the **Federal Register** on May 25, 2023 (88 FR 33876) and on EPA Region 9's website. The public comment period closed on June 26, 2023. Region 9 received written comments from one party concerning the proposed permit. Region 9 prepared a separate document (Response to Comments) which discusses these comments in more detail and Region 9's responses to the comments.

#### B. Changes From the Proposed Permit

The final permit contains two minor changes from the proposed permit; these are discussed here and in the final fact sheet. EPA added a specific email address for the New Mexico Environment Department for permittees to report discharges likely to leave Navajo Nation land and reach New Mexico waters. EPA also added a requirement for submitting all required Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) before the finalization of a Notice of Termination.

#### C. Endangered Species Act Considerations

The ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR part 402) require EPA to ensure that any action authorized, funded or carried out by EPA is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered species or adversely affect its critical habitat. EPA Region 9 concluded that the authorized discharges may affect, but are not likely to adversely affect listed species, and will not adversely affect critical habitat. EPA received a letter of concurrence on this finding from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on January 10, 2024.

## D. Permit Appeals Procedure

Within 120 days following the date the permit is considered issued for purposes of judicial review, any interested person may appeal the permit decision in the Federal Court of Appeals in accordance with section 509(b)(1) of the CWA. Persons affected by a general permit may not challenge the conditions of a general permit as a right in further Agency proceedings. Such person may instead challenge the general permit in court, or apply for an individual permit as specified at 40 CFR 122.21 (and authorized at 40 CFR 122.28), and then petition the Environmental Appeals Board to review any condition of the individual permit (40 CFR 124.19).

*Authority:* 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*

**Tomás Torres,**

*Director, Water Division, EPA Region 9.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### 1,1-Dichloroethane (1,1-DCA); Draft Risk Evaluation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Letter Peer Review; Request for Nominations of Expert Reviewers

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) is seeking nominations of scientific and technical experts to review the draft risk evaluation for 1,1-dichloroethane (1,1-DCA) conducted under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The Agency will release the draft risk evaluation for public review and comment in spring of 2024 through a separate **Federal Register** document and subsequently will provide the selected peer reviewers with the draft risk evaluation for letter peer review in the summer of 2024.

**DATES:** Submit your nominations on or before April 11, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your nomination via email to [OCSPP-PeerReview@epa.gov](mailto:OCSPP-PeerReview@epa.gov). Do not electronically submit any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. If your nomination may contain any such information, please contact the Peer Review Leader to obtain special

instructions before submitting that information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Peer Review Leader is Alie Muneer, Mission Support Division (7602M), Office of Program Support, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; telephone number: (202) 564-6369 or call the main office at (202) 564-8450; email address: [muneer.alie@epa.gov](mailto:muneer.alie@epa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. General Information

#### A. What action is the Agency taking?

The Agency is seeking public nominations of scientific and technical experts that the EPA can consider for service as experts for the letter peer review of the draft risk evaluation for 1,1-DCA. EPA will be soliciting comments from the experts on the approach and methodologies utilized in the draft risk evaluation. This document provides instructions for submitting such nominations for EPA to consider for the planned letter peer review. EPA will publish a separate document in the **Federal Register** in spring 2024 to announce the availability of the draft risk evaluation and solicit public comments. Comments received and the draft risk evaluation materials will be provided to the letter peer reviewers in the summer of 2024.

#### B. What is the Agency's authority for taking this action?

TSCA section 6(b) requires that EPA conduct risk evaluations on existing chemical substances and identifies the minimum components EPA must include in all chemical substance risk evaluations (15 U.S.C. 2605(b)). The risk evaluation must not consider costs or other non-risk factors (15 U.S.C. 2605(b)(4)(F)(iii)). The specific risk evaluation process is addressed in 40 CFR part 702 and summarized on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluations-existing-chemicals-under-tsca>.

#### C. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those involved in the manufacture, processing, distribution, and disposal of chemical substances and mixtures, and/or those interested in the assessment of risks involving chemical substances and mixtures regulated under TSCA. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific

entities that may be affected by this action.

## II. Nominations of Peer Reviewers

### A. Why is EPA seeking nominations for peer reviewers?

EPA is requesting nominations from the public and stakeholder communities for scientific and technical experts who can serve as prospective candidates for letter peer reviews. This is part of a broader process for developing a pool of candidates. Interested persons or organizations can nominate qualified individuals by following the instructions provided in this document. Individuals are also welcome to self-nominate.

Those who are selected from the pool of prospective candidates will be asked to review the draft risk evaluation for 1,1-DCA and provide their individual comments to EPA.

### B. What expertise is sought for this letter peer review?

Individuals nominated for this letter peer review should have expertise in one or more of the following areas:

1. Environmental hazard assessment expertise, specifically with experience in analog selection, predictive modeling, and uncertainty analysis.
2. Human health toxicology with expertise in cancer modes of action, reproductive toxicity and derivation of points of departure (PODs) and dose-response values using limited toxicity datasets.

3. Human health toxicology with expertise in the use of read across methodology, the identification of analog, and the application of read across software, such as OECD QSAR Toolbox, GenRA and CompTox.

4. Human exposure assessment experience, especially for industrial hygiene and occupational inhalation exposures, susceptible life stages and subpopulations to environmental contaminants.

5. Expertise in using EPA databases for contaminant concentration estimates in ambient air and/or surface water and sediments.

Nominees should be scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of providing expert comments on the scientific issues for this review.

### C. How do I make a nomination?

By the deadline indicated under **DATES**, submit your nomination via email to the email identified in **ADDRESSES**. Each nomination should include the following: Contact