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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9991-31-Region 10]

Proposed Reissuance of NPDES General Permit for Offshore Seafood Processors in Alaska (AKG524000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10.

ACTION: Notice of proposed reissuance of NPDES General Permit and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Director, Office of Water and Watersheds, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10, is proposing to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit to Offshore Seafood Processors in Alaska. As proposed, the General Permit will authorize discharges of seafood processing waste from facilities (also referred to as "vessels") that discharge at least 3 nautical miles (NM) or greater from the Alaska shore as delineated by mean lower low water (MLLW) or a closure line and which engage in the processing of fresh, frozen, canned, smoked, salted or pickled seafood, the processing of mince, or the processing of meal, paste and other secondary by-products.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 9, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

Comments on the draft General Permit should be sent to Director, Office of Water and Watersheds; USEPA Region

10; 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155, OWW-191; Seattle, WA 98101 and may also be submitted by fax to (206) 553-0165 or electronically to ziobro.joseph@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Permit documents may be found on the EPA Region 10 website at: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/npdes-general-permit-offshore-seafood-processors-alaska>. Copies of the draft general permit and Fact Sheet are also available upon request. Requests may be made to Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or to Joseph Ziobro at (206) 553-2723. Requests may also be electronically mailed to: washington.audrey@epa.gov, or ziobro.joseph@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

There are currently fewer than 100 permitted seafood processors that discharge effluent and operate more than 3 NM from the Alaskan shore or closure line. Most of the seafood processed on the vessels are pollock and Pacific cod. Other species have included sablefish, arrowtooth flounder, Pacific hake, jack mackerel, Alaska plaice, Pacific Ocean perch, rockfish, sculpin, lumpsucker, skate, sole, Greenland turbot, bairdi, opilio, and king crab. The permit authorizes the discharge of seafood processing wastes that are mostly waste solids (shell, bones, skin, scales, flesh and organs), blood, body fluids, slime, oils and fats from cooking and rendering operations; disinfectants; and miscellaneous wastewaters. This Permit does not authorize the discharge of pollutants from any shore-based facilities, nor any pollutants from vessels transporting seafood processing waste solely for the purpose of dumping materials into ocean waters. The median annual waste discharged from a vessel in 2014 and 2015 was 7.1 and 6.2 million pounds, respectively.

A description of the basis for the conditions and requirements of the draft general permit is given in the Fact Sheet. In addition, the EPA has completed an Ocean Discharge Criteria Evaluation pursuant to 40 CFR Subpart M which supports the basis for the conditions and requirements in the draft general permit. Facilities will receive a written notification from the EPA whether permit coverage and authorization to discharge under the general permit is approved. Major changes from the 2009 General Permit include the removal of the metals monitoring requirement and the removal of the requirement to grind effluent except in cases when vessels

that discharge more than 10 million pounds per annual reporting year are discharging within Steller Sea Lion critical habitat areas designated by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The EPA is preparing a Biological Evaluation for this Permit action. Consultations under the Endangered Species Act between the EPA and the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are ongoing. Also for review in Section X of the Fact Sheet are potential mitigation measures provided by National Marine Fisheries Service for vessels that are exempt from grinding requirements in Steller sea lion critical habitat.

II. Other Legal Requirements

This action was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under Executive Orders 12866, *Regulatory Planning and Review*, and 13563, *Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review*, and was determined to be not significant. Compliance with Endangered Species Act, Essential Fish Habitat, Paperwork Reduction Act, and other requirements are discussed in the Fact Sheet to the proposed permit.

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Daniel D. Opalski,

Director, Office of Water and Watersheds, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0090; FRL-9990-83]

Potassium Chloride; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has received a quarantine exemption request from the Maryland Department of Agriculture to use the pesticide potassium chloride to treat Hyde's Quarry in Carroll County, Maryland, to control zebra mussels. The Applicant proposes the use of a new chemical which has not been registered by EPA as a pesticide. EPA is soliciting public comment before making the decision whether to grant the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 9, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID)

number EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0090, by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- **Mail:** OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- **Hand Delivery:** To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/where-send-comments-epa-dockets>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael L. Goodis, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; main telephone number: (703) 305-7090; email address: RDfRNNotices@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. **Submitting CBI.** Do not submit this information to EPA through www.regulations.gov or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that

is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. **Tips for preparing your comments.** When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

3. **Environmental justice.** EPA seeks to achieve environmental justice, the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of any group, including minority and/or low income populations, in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To help address potential environmental justice issues, the Agency seeks information on any groups or segments of the population who, as a result of their location, cultural practices, or other factors, may have atypical or disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or environmental effects from exposure to the pesticide discussed in this document, compared to the general population.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

Under section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136p), at the discretion of the EPA Administrator, a Federal or State agency may be exempted from any provision of FIFRA if the EPA Administrator determines that emergency conditions exist which require the exemption. Maryland Department of Agriculture has requested the EPA Administrator to issue a quarantine exemption for the use of potassium chloride (CAS No. 7447-40-7) in Hyde's Quarry in Carroll County, Maryland, to control zebra mussels. Information in accordance with 40 CFR part 166 was submitted as part of this request.

As part of this request, the Applicant asserts that zebra mussels need to be eradicated in this body of water to prevent the establishment and spread of this aquatic invasive species. The mussels have a variety of detrimental environmental, economic, and recreational impacts. Without treatment it is likely that the mussels will establish a reproducing, self-sustaining population, which would, in turn, serve as another source population and possibly contribute to the infestation of other aquatic areas. The Applicant states that the requested chemical provides the

best efficacy for the desired result with the best economic and environmental feasibility and least impact to human health and the environment.

The Applicant proposes to treat Hyde's Quarry in Carroll County, Maryland, containing an estimated 110-115 million gallons of water. The Applicant proposes to use a 20% potassium chloride solution mixed from muriate of potash and water. Applications will be made from a boat using a specially designed diffuser assembly to obtain a quarry-wide concentration of 100 parts per million over a period of approximately 14 days. This equates to approximately 8,140 gallons of stock solution introduced daily for the anticipated introduction of approximately 114,000 gallons over the 14-day treatment period. It is anticipated that only one application will be made, but up to four may be made if needed.

This notice does not constitute a decision by EPA on the application itself. The regulations governing FIFRA section 18 require publication of a notice of receipt of an application for a quarantine exemption proposing use of a new chemical (*i.e.*, an active ingredient) which has not been registered by EPA for use as a pesticide. The notice provides an opportunity for public comment on the application.

The Agency will review and consider all comments received during the comment period in determining whether to issue the quarantine exemption requested by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: March 15, 2019.

Daniel Rosenblatt,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Receipt of Requests To Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of requests by registrants to voluntarily cancel certain pesticide registrations. EPA intends to