



REGION 6

DALLAS, TX 75270

March 15, 2024

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Minor Modification of the NPDES General Permit for New and Existing Sources and New Dischargers in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category for the Western and Central Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico (GMG290000)

FROM: Curry Jones, Manager
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Water Division

TO: Administrative Record

The permit issued on May 11, 2023, contained typographical errors in Part I.D.3 and Part I.D.4, Pages 48, 49, 52 & 53. There was also a typographical error in the Table of Contents. In accordance with regulations listed at 40CFR122.63 (a), the following minor permit administrative changes have been made:

1. On Page 48, 7-Day Chronic Toxicity Testing Requirements: The permittee shall utilize the *Menidia beryllina* (Inland Silverside minnow) chronic static renewal 7-day larval survival and growth test using Method 1006.0. A minimum of four (4) replicates with ten (10) organisms per replicate must be used in the control and in each effluent dilution of this test.
2. On Page 49, Test Acceptability Criteria 7-Day Chronic Toxicity Testing Requirements: Holding time has been corrected to 72 hours for both *Americamysis bahia* and *Menidia beryllina*. Chart has been corrected to read Minimum # of replicates per concentration, minimum # of organisms per replicate, and minimum # of organisms per concentration.
3. On Page 52, 48-Hour Toxicity Testing Requirements (48-Hour Acute NOEC Marine Limits): The permittee shall utilize the *Americamysis bahia* (formerly *Mysidopsis bahia* as referred to in Method 2007.0 and 1007.0, and DMRs) acute static renewal 48-hour definitive toxicity test using EPA-821-R-02-012. A minimum of two (2) replicates with ten (10) organisms per replicate must be used in the control and in each effluent dilution of this test. The permittee shall utilize the *Menidia beryllina* (Inland Silverside minnow) acute static renewal 48-hour definitive toxicity test using EPA-821-R-02-012. A minimum of two (2) replicates with ten (10) organisms per replicate must be used in the control and in each effluent dilution of this test. Chart has been corrected to read Minimum

of replicates per concentration, minimum # of organisms per replicate, and minimum # of organisms per concentration.

4. On Page 53, Test Acceptability Criteria 48-Hour Toxicity Testing Requirements (48-Hour Acute NOEC Marine Limits), Holding time has been corrected to 72 hours for both *Americamysis bahia* and *Menidia beryllina*.
5. The revised pages of Part I of the final permit, as well as the updated table of contents, with corrected page numbers is enclosed. Please discard the incorrect copy.

Should you have any question on any aspect of the administrative change, please feel free to contact Nichole Young of the NPDES Permitting Section at (214) 665 6447 or at young.nichole@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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