

followed by subsequent updates, that includes the following:

- (1) A list of affected structures;
- (2) A timetable for conducting the inspections described in section 14.4.3 of API RP 2A-WSD (incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198); and
- (3) An inspection plan for each structure that describes the work you will perform to determine the condition of the structure.

(d) The Regional Supervisor may also require you to submit the results of the inspections referred to in paragraph (c)(2) of this section, including a description of any detected damage that may adversely affect structural integrity, an assessment of its ability to withstand any anticipated environmental conditions, and any remediation plans. Under §§ 250.900(b)(3) and 250.905, you must obtain approval from MMS before you make major repairs of any damage.

13. Section 250.920 is revised to read as follows:

§ 250.920 What are the MMS requirements for assessment of platforms?

(a) You must perform a platform assessment when platform assessment initiators exist. Platform assessment initiators are listed in Sections 17.2.1–17.2.5 of API RP 2A-WSD (incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198).

(b) You must document all wells, equipment, and pipelines supported by the platform if you intend to use the medium or low consequence-of-failure exposure category for your assessment. Exposure categories are defined in API RP 2A-WSD Section 1.7. You must obtain approval from the Regional Supervisor before assessing your platform to either the medium consequence-of-failure or low consequence-of-failure exposure category.

(c) You must perform a complete platform structural assessment analysis when your platform assessment indicates that the platform is damaged; the deck height is inadequate; loading is significantly increased; or the exposure category changes to a more restrictive level.

(d) You must initiate mitigation actions for platforms that do not pass the assessment process of API RP 2A-WSD. Your mitigation actions must be approved by the Regional Supervisor.

(e) MMS may require you to conduct a platform assessment where the reduced environmental loading criteria contained in API RP 2A-WSD Section 17.6 are not allowed.

(f) By November 1 of each year, you must submit a complete list of all the platforms you operate, together with all the appropriate data to support the

consequence-of-failure category you assign to each platform and the platform assessment initiators (as defined in API RP 2A-WSD) to the Regional Supervisor.

(g) The use of Section 17, Assessment of Existing Platforms, of API RP 2A-WSD is limited to existing fixed structures that are serving their original approved purpose and were designed in accordance with the provisions in the 19th or earlier edition of API RP 2A-WSD. You must obtain approval from the Regional Supervisor for any change in purpose of the platform, following the provisions of API RP 2A-WSD, Section 15, Re-use.

14. Section 250.1007 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(4) to read as follows:

§ 250.1007 What to include in applications.

(a) * * *

(4) A description of any additional design precautions you took to enable the pipeline to withstand the effects of water currents, storm or ice scouring, soft bottoms, mudslides, earthquakes, permafrost, and other environmental factors.

(i) If you propose to use unbonded flexible pipe, your application must include:

(A) The manufacturer's design specification sheet;

(B) The design pressure (psi);

(C) An identification of the design standards you used; and

(D) A review by a third-party independent verification agent (IVA) according to API Spec 17J (incorporated by reference as specified in § 250.198), if applicable.

(ii) If you propose to use one or more pipeline risers for a tension leg platform or other floating platform, your application must include:

(A) The design fatigue life of the riser, with calculations, and the fatigue point at which you would replace the riser;

(B) The results of your vortex-induced vibration (VIV) analysis;

(C) An identification of the design standards you used; and

(D) A description of any necessary mitigation measures such as the use of helical strakes or anchoring devices.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 122 and 412

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National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Regulation and Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations—Proposed Revisions; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency hereby gives notice that it will conduct five public meetings on proposed regulatory revisions under the Clean Water Act for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). These proposed regulations were signed by EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson on June 22, 2006, and are publishing in the *Federal Register* on June 30, 2006 (FRL 8189-7), under the title Revised National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Regulation and Effluent Limitation Guidelines for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in Response to *Waterkeeper* Decision.

The purpose of the meetings is to enhance public understanding of the proposed regulations for CAFOs. The meetings are not a mechanism for submitting formal comments on the proposal. The meetings will consist of a brief presentation by EPA officials on the proposed regulations followed by a question and answer session. Participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the basic aspects of the proposed regulations prior to the public meetings; each speaker's time will be limited so that all interested parties may have the opportunity to pose questions. Advance registration is not required.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, please visit the EPA Web site at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/afo/aforule.cfm>, or contact Kawana Cohen, Water Permits Division, Office of Wastewater Management (4203M), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-2345, e-mail address: cohen.kawana@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Dates, Times and Addresses for Public Meetings regulations as described in the following table:

EPA is conducting five public meetings on the CAFO proposed

Date	Location	Time	Facility
Mon., July 24, 2006	Fayetteville, NC	1 p.m.–4 p.m. EST	Crown Coliseum, 1960 Coliseum Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28306.
Tues., July 25, 2006	Ames, IA	1 p.m.–4 p.m. CST	Iowa State Center, Scheman Conference Center, Ames, IA 50011–1113.
Tues., August 1, 2006	Golden, CO	1 p.m.–4 p.m. MST	Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO 80401.
Wed., August 2, 2006	Dallas, TX	9 a.m.–12 p.m. CST	Texas A&M—Dallas Agricultural Research & Extension Center (Pavilion), 17360 Coit Rd., Dallas, TX 75252.
Thurs., August 3, 2006	Sacramento, CA	8 a.m.–11 a.m. PST	CalEPA Building, Byran Sher Auditorium, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

This **Federal Register** announcement is intended to supplement and refer interested parties to the notice of the public meetings provided on EPA's AFO NPDES Web page, on June 22, 2006. EPA has established a comment period in the proposed rule of 45 days. In scheduling these public meetings, EPA wishes to provide the public the opportunity to be fully informed about the contents of the proposed rule in advance of the date by which comments must be submitted. EPA is utilizing its Web site, which will be updated periodically with specific details concerning location and time, as the principal means of providing information about the public meetings. EPA recommends that those interested in attending a meeting check the Web site for additional information as it becomes available.

Please note that the purpose of these meetings is to enhance public understanding of the proposed regulations for CAFOs. The meetings are not a mechanism for submitting formal comments on the proposal, and formal comments should be submitted following the procedures described in the proposed regulation.

Prior to attending any of these public meetings, please confirm exact location, date and time information via EPA's AFO NPDES Web page (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/afo/aforule.cfm>).

Background

On June 22, 2006, EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson signed the Agency's proposal to revise the regulations for CAFOs in response to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *Waterkeeper Alliance et al. v. EPA*, 399 F.3d 486 (2nd Cir. 2005). The proposed regulations, publishing in the **Federal**

Register on June 30, 2006, respond to the court ruling.

Dated: June 27, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 17****RIN 1018–AU30**

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Designation of Critical Habitat for the Southern California Distinct Vertebrate Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog (*Rana muscosa*)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of public comment period and notice of availability of draft economic analysis.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the reopening of the public comment period on the proposed designation of critical habitat for the southern California distinct vertebrate population segment of the mountain yellow-legged frog (*Rana muscosa*), and the availability of a draft economic analysis of the proposed designation of critical habitat. The draft economic analysis estimates the potential total future impacts, including costs resulting from modifications to fishing and other types of activities, to range from \$11.4 million

to \$12.9 million (undiscounted) over 20 years. Discounted future costs are estimated to be \$7.5 million to \$8.9 million over this same time period (\$704,000 to \$842,000 annually) using a real rate of seven percent, or \$9.3 million to \$10.8 million (\$626,000 to \$725,000 annually) using a real rate of three percent. We are reopening the comment period to allow all interested parties an opportunity to comment simultaneously on the proposed rule and the associated draft economic analysis. Comments previously submitted on the proposed rule need not be resubmitted as they have already been incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered in our final determination.

DATES: We will accept public comments and information until July 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and materials may be submitted to us by any one of the following methods:

1. You may submit written comments and information to Jim Bartel, Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, CA 92011.

2. You may hand-deliver written comments and information to our Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office at the above address.

3. You may fax your comments to 760/431–9624.

4. You may send your comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to FW1CFWO_MYLFPCH@fws.gov. For directions on how to submit e-mail comments, see the "Public Comments Solicited" section.

5. You may submit comments via the Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.