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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

PUBLIC NOTICE OF NPDES PERMIT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS NOTICE ANNOUNCES (1) EPA'S INTENTION TO ISSUE A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) DISCHARGE PERMIT UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT AND (2) EPA'S REQUEST FOR THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO CERTIFY CLEAN WATER ACT COMPLIANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 401(A)(1) OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT.

PERMIT INFORMATION

The facility to be covered by the permit is the Buckley Air Force Base (AFB) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) operated by the United States Department of Air Force, 460th Space Wing. Buckley AFB is an Air Force Space Command base. During 2000, base-operating responsibilities changed from the Colorado Air National Guard to the United States Department of Air Force and ultimately the 460th Space Wing of the United States Department of Air Force became the host unit at Buckley AFB. The Buckley AFB is located within the City of Aurora, Colorado.

PERMITTEE NAME: United States Department of Air Force, 460th Space Wing

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NPDES PERMIT NUMBER: CO-R042003

The mission of the United States Department of Air Force, 460th Space Wing (460th Space Wing) is to provide combatant commanders with expeditionary warrior Airmen, and deliver global infrared surveillance, tracking, and missile warning for theater and homeland defense. Also, the 460th Space Wing provides infrastructure and organizational support for

approximately 77 tenant organizations who have facilities and operations located on Buckley AFB including the 140th Wing of the Colorado Air National Guard, the Colorado Army National Guard, the Navy Operational Support Center, Marines Corps, and Coast Guard, and reserve components of these forces. This permit authorizes discharges of stormwater from the MS4 operated by the 460th Space Wing. The approximate location of the MS4 is 39° 42' 30" N and 104° 45' 30" W. Stormwater discharges from the Buckley AFB MS4 discharge to East Toll Gate Creek (a natural drainage channel) and Granby Ditch (a natural channel, largely improved by man, and a component of the City of Aurora's MS4 drainage system). Stormwater discharges from the Buckley AFB MS4 are currently regulated under EPA's General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Federal Facility Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems in Colorado (COR42000F). This permit was issued on June 23, 2003 and expired on June 22, 2008. This general permit was not reissued. The eight facilities covered under the general permit have been or will be issued individual permits for discharges from their MS4s. This approach is being taken so that terms specific to the operations, industrial activities, and receiving water conditions of each facility can be included in each individual permit. It is believed that this approach will result in a permit with more streamlined conditions specifically tailored to the goal of reducing pollutant loading in stormwater runoff.

EPA TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

EPA staff has prepared a draft of the permit that it proposes to issue. EPA staff has made a tentative determination that the effluent limitations and other conditions included in the draft permit will assure compliance with applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act. EPA has also requested that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment issue, deny, or waiver certification pursuant to Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act concerning compliance with certain Clean Water Act requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

In accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 124.10, this comment period ends 30 calendar days after the date of publication of this notice. Comments may be directed to: Donna Roberts (8P-W-WW); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8; 1595 Wynkoop St.; Denver, CO 80202-1129. All comments received prior to the end of the comment period will be considered in the formulation of any final permit determinations.

If no objection is received within the specified comment period, the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 8 intends to issue a final NPDES permit within sixty days of the date of this notice. EPA will hold a public hearing if the response to this notice indicates significant public interest.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The draft permit and the statement of basis for the draft permit are available for download at www.epa.gov/region8/water/wastewater/download. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling Amy Clark at (303) 312-7014 (or e-mail clark.amy@epa.gov) or by writing to the address listed above. The complete application and related documents are

available by appointment for review and reproduction at the address listed above during the hours of 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, Federal holidays excluded. To make an appointment to look at the documents, call Donna Roberts at 303-312-6371 or Amy Clark at 303-312-7014.