

ADDRESSES: Please address all written comments to Susan Cantor, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Alaska Office, 222 W. Seventh Avenue #19, Anchorage, Alaska 99513. Comments may be mailed or submitted via facsimile to (907) 271-3424.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Cantor, of Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Alaska Office, at the address listed above or by telephone at (907) 271-3413. Inquiries may be submitted via facsimile to (907) 271-3424. Requests may be electronically mailed to CANTOR.SUSAN@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. Additional services can be made available to persons with disabilities. For those with impaired hearing or speech, please contact EPA's telecommunication device for the deaf at (206) 553-1698.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the opinion of EPA, discharges associated with Alaskan log transfer facilities would be more appropriately controlled under a general permit rather than under individual permits. The proposed general permit would provide fair and uniform requirements for industry in accordance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, and would reduce paperwork and delays in permit issuance for qualifying dischargers.

If issued, this general NPDES permit would authorize qualifying log transfer facilities to discharge bark and woody debris into both near-shore and offshore marine waters in Alaska, except in areas excluded from coverage. The permit would not authorize discharges into waters identified as critical or protected resources, waters which do not meet the siting guidelines of the Alaska Timber Task Force, and waters already exceeding Alaska Water Quality Standards for parameters relating to bark and woody debris. The state of Alaska proposes to grant a one-acre zone of deposit for those log transfer facilities authorized under this permit.

Log transfer facilities authorized under this permit would be required to minimize the introduction of bark and woody debris into marine waters through implementation of effluent limitations and best management practices. Annual underwater bark monitoring would be required for facilities where bark accumulation was likely to occur. Those permittees would also be required to develop and implement a pollution prevention plan.

In order to be authorized under this general NPDES permit, new dischargers would be required to submit a notice of intent to EPA and to receive written

authorization to discharge from EPA. A notice of intent would also be required for those permitted facilities wishing to discharge after their individual NPDES permits have expired.

This general NPDES permit would modify existing permits issued under Section 404 of the Act for log transfer facilities constructed and operated prior to October 22, 1985. If this general NPDES permit is issued, the applicable Section 404 permits would be modified to incorporate the provisions of the general permit. Dischargers authorized under Section 404 prior to October 22, 1985, would be required to submit information to EPA regarding their location and discharge.

Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this action from the review requirements of Executive Order 12866 pursuant to Section 6 of that order.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

After review of the facts presented in the notice printed above, I hereby certify pursuant to the provision of 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this general NPDES permit will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. Moreover, the permit reduces a significant administrative burden on regulated sources.

Dated: September 20, 1996.
Roger K. Mochnick,
Acting Director, Office of Water.
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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider (1) reports of the Office of Inspector General, (2) matters relating to the Corporation's corporate activities, and (3) a personnel matter.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Vice Chairman Andrew C. Hove, Jr., seconded by Director Joseph H. Neely (Appointive), concurred in by Director Jonathan L. Fiechter (Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), Director Eugene A. Ludwig (Comptroller of the Currency), and Chairman Ricki Helfer, that Corporation business required its

consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2) and (c)(6) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2) and (c)(6)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550—17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Dated: September 24, 1996.
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Valerie J. Best,
Assistant Executive Secretary.
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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) pursuant to section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties may inspect and obtain a copy of each agreement at the Washington, DC Office of the Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., 9th Floor. Interested parties may submit comments on each agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days after the date of the Federal Register in which this notice appears. The requirements for comments are found in section 572.603 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Interested persons should consult this section before communicating with the Commission regarding a pending agreement.

Agreement No.: 232-011391-003
Title: TMM/Tecomar Cooperative Working Agreement

Parties:

Transportacion Maritima Mexicana,
S.A. de C.V.
Tecomar, S.A. de C.V.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment would delete the authority of the parties to discuss and agree upon rates and other transportation terms and conditions. The parties have requested a shortened review period.

Dated: September 25, 1996.