Public Notice of Availability; Proposed Revisions to General NPDES Permit for Petroleum Product Contaminated Groundwater Remediation Systems (PAG-05)

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) by this notice is proposing to revise its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Petroleum Product Contaminated Groundwater Remediation Systems (PAG-05) for issuance for another 5 years. This General Permit is issued under the authority of The Clean Streams Law (35 P.S. 691.1 – 691.101) and sections 1905-A, 1917-A and 1920-A of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. §§ 510-5, 510-17, and 510-20). The current General Permit is scheduled to expire on December 12, 2007, and will continue to be in force until formal revision of the General Permit is completed following the public review process. The General Permit will continue to not be applicable to discharges into waters designated as "special protection" under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93 (relating to water quality standards). The aforementioned discharges are required to be covered through an individual permit.

In the existing general permit, the instructions for completing the Notice of Intent (NOI) list five parameters (Benzene, Pyrene, Phenanthrene, Chrysene and Naphthalene) for Fuel Oil #4, 5, 6, however, in the General Permit, Pyrene and Chrysene were left out. These parameters have now been added to the revised General Permit. In addition, in order to improve monitoring, the frequency of analysis for oil and grease has been increased in the revised General Permit from once a year to once every six months.

By this notice, the Department invites pubic comments on the proposed revisions to PAG-05. Comments must be submitted by November 13, 2007. If there is significant public interest or if requested, the comment period may be extended at the discretion of the Department for an additional 15-day period. Only comments received during the specified comment period will be considered in the final and revised General Permit. If more significant issues of public interest are raised, the Department may schedule a public meeting or hearing. Written comments should be submitted to Geoffrey O. Maduka at the address below. Comments will also be accepted by e-mail to <u>gmaduka@state.pa.us</u>. Comments will not be accepted by facsimile or voice mail.

The proposed General Permit package is available from the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation, Division of Water Management, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 8774, 11th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8774, (717) 787-8184, e-mail <u>gmaduka@state.pa.us</u>, <u>www.depweb.state.pa.us</u> (choose "Public Participation" under "Quick Access"; "then scroll down to "Proposals Currently Open for Comment").

Persons with a disability may use the AT&T Relay Service at (800) 654-5984 (TDD users) or (800) 654-5988 (voice users). Following the specified comment period, the Department will review the submitted comments, prepare a comment and response document and the final document package for this General Permit. The final General Permit package, including the comment and response document, will be available on the Department's website at <u>www.depweb.state.pa.us</u> (DEP Keyword: "NPDES Permits"; choose "General Permits"). Availability of the final permit documents will also be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Anyone who wishes to receive a copy of the final documents may contact the Department at the address or phone number listed above.