

***** PUBLIC NOTICE *****

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Outer Continental Shelf Air Permit OCS-EPA-R4021
for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
Public Comment Period: November 14, 2016 -December 14, 2016**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on a draft Clean Air Act (CAA) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) air permit for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (Anadarko), 1201 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77380. Anadarko has applied for an OCS air permit pursuant to section 328 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) from EPA Region 4. The proposed air permit will regulate air emissions from a proposed exploratory drilling operation within the eastern Gulf of Mexico of the OCS. The proposed project will mobilize the Noble *Bob Douglas*, up to two support vessels to transport personnel and supplies, and up to four support vessels for well completion. The drilling areas are located on the OCS east of longitude 87.5, west of the Military Mission Line (86°41' west longitude), at least 100 miles from the Louisiana shoreline, and at least 125 miles from the Florida shoreline. The proposed projects are for exploratory drilling and well completion and maintenance activities only, will last no more than two years. The permit does not allow for establishment of any permanent production platforms.

EPA Region 4 is the agency responsible for implementing and enforcing CAA requirements for OCS sources in the Gulf of Mexico east of longitude 87.5°. Pursuant to section 328 of the CAA (42 U.S.C. § 7627) and the air quality regulations applicable to OCS sources set forth in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 55, this project is required to obtain an OCS air quality permit and is subject to Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) requirements that apply to major sources and also to title V operating permitting requirements. Anadarko must apply best available control technology (BACT), among other requirements, for emissions of NO_x, CO, VOC, PM, PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, and greenhouse gases. The maximum potential annual emissions in tons per year for each drilling vessel and its support vessels are detailed in the application materials and preliminary determination/statement of basis. Potential annual emissions are also summarized in the project summary sheet.

Permit Documents: EPA has prepared a draft permit for public comment, as well as a preliminary determination/statement of basis document that explains the permit conditions. These documents are available on EPA Region 4's website at: <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/draft-ocs-permits-available-public-comment-southeastern-us> . To request a copy of these documents or to be added to our Anadarko OCS permit mailing list, please contact: Ms. Rosa Yarbrough, Permit Support Specialist, at (404) 562-9643 or yarbrough.rosa@epa.gov. For questions on the draft permit, please contact: Ms. Kelly Fortin at (404) 562-9117 or fortin.kelly@epa.gov. Ms. Yarbrough and Ms. Fortin may also be reached by mail at USEPA Region 4, Air Permitting Section APTMD, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. EPA's draft permit and preliminary determination/statement of basis; Anadarko's application and supporting documentation/data; and comments received from the public, other government agencies, and the applicant during the public comment period will become part of the administrative record for the permit. All data submitted by the applicant is also available as part of the administrative record. The administrative record is available at www.regulations.gov (docket # EPA-R04-OAR-2016-0667), and at the EPA Region 4 office (please call in advance for available viewing times) at: 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303; Phone: (404) 562-9643. The web sites can be accessed through free internet services available at local public libraries.

Public Comments: All comments on the draft permit must be received by email at R4OCSpermits@epa.gov, submitted electronically via www.regulations.gov (docket # EPA-R04-OAR-

2014-0667) or **postmarked by December 2, 2016**. Comments sent by mail should be addressed to: USEPA Region 4, Air Permitting Section APTMD, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303 Attn: Rosa Yarbrough. An extension of the 30-day comment period may be granted if the request for an extension is submitted during the 30-day public comment period and it adequately demonstrates why additional time is required to prepare comments.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period. If you believe that any conditions in the permit are inappropriate, you must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting your position by the end of the comment period. Any documents supporting your comments must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference unless they are already part of the administrative record for this permit or consist of state or federal statutes or regulations, EPA documents of general applicability, or other generally available reference materials.

Comments should focus on the draft air quality permit. If you have comments regarding offshore leasing, non-air quality impacts, drilling safety, discharge, or other similar issues not subject to this public comment period, you should submit them during the leasing and approval proceedings of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, which is the lead agency for offshore drilling.

All comments will be included in the administrative record without change and will be made available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information that you consider Confidential Business Information or otherwise protected must be clearly identified as such and should not be submitted through email. If you send email directly to EPA, your email address will be captured automatically and included as part of the public comment. An email or postal address must be provided with your comments if you wish to receive direct notification of EPA's final decision regarding the permit and response to comments submitted during the public comment period. All timely and relevant comments on the draft permits will be considered in making the final decision. EPA will respond to all significant comments on the proposed permits and may summarize and group similar comments in our response. EPA will not respond to individual commenters directly.

Public Hearing: Requests for a public hearing on the draft air permit must be in writing and received by EPA by December 2, 2016. Requests should be sent by email to R4OCSpermits@epa.gov or by mail addressed to: USEPA Region 4, Air Permitting Section, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303, Attn: Rosa Yarbrough. EPA will hold a public hearing on the draft air permit pursuant to 40 CFR 124.12 if the Agency determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the draft permit. Requests for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. If a public hearing is held, you may submit oral and/or written comments on the proposed permit at the hearing. You do not need to attend the public hearing to submit written comments. If EPA determines that there is a significant degree of public interest, EPA will hold a public hearing from 4:00 to 5:30 pm on December 16, 2016, at: Bay County Public Library, Northwest Regional Library System, 898 W 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32412-0625; (850) 522-2119.

If a public hearing is held, the public comment period will automatically be extended to the close of the public hearing. If no timely requests for a public hearing are received, or if EPA determines that there is not a significant degree of public interest, a hearing will not be held. Such an announcement will be emailed to our OCS public notice list and posted on EPA's website identified above, or you may call EPA at the contact number above to determine if the hearing will not be held.

If a public hearing is held, EPA staff will be available prior to the hearing, from 3:00-4:00 pm for an informal public information session. You are not required to attend the information session to comment at the public hearing, and you may also obtain additional information about the project at EPA's website listed above.

Final Determination: EPA will make a final decision to issue the permit or to deny the application for the permit after the Agency considers all timely comments on the draft air permit. Notice of the final decision shall be sent to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision, provided EPA has adequate contact information.