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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-13335-01-R8]

Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Order on Petitions for Objection to State Operating Permits for Bargath, LLC’s Clough, Heath, Hyrup, Jangles and Starkey Gulch Compressor Stations, and Grand River Gathering, LLC’s East Mamm Creek Compressor Station

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final order on petitions.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed two orders dated March 9, 2026, granting in part, and denying in part petitions dated April 1, April 8, April 25, May 8, 2025, and June 11, 2025, from the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD). The petitions requested that the EPA object to Clean Air Act (CAA) operating permits issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to Bargath, LLC for its Starkey Gulch, Jangles, Heath,

Clough and Hyrup Compressor Stations, and to Grand River Gathering, LLC for its East Mamm Creek Compressor Station, all located in Garfield County, Colorado.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA received five petitions from CBD dated April 1, April 8, April 25, and May 8, 2025, requesting that the EPA object to the issuance of operating permit nos. 09OPGA340, 08OPGA321, 08OPGA324, 08OPGA310, and 08OPGA323, issued by CDPHE to Bargath, LLC, in Garfield County, Colorado. The EPA received a petition from CBD dated June 11, 2025, requesting that the EPA object to the issuance of operating permit no. 05OPGS280, issued by CDPHE to Grand River Gathering LLC, in Garfield County, Colorado. On March 9, 2026, the EPA Administrator issued orders granting in part and denying in part the petitions. The orders, themselves, explain the basis for the EPA’s decisions.

Sections 307(b) and 505(b)(2) of the CAA provide that a petitioner may request judicial review of those portions of an order that deny issues in a petition. Any petition for review shall be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit no later than July 6, 2026.

Cyrus M. Western,

Regional Administrator, Region 8.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R03-OW-2025-2004; FRL-12999-02-R3]

Virginia; Waters of the Northern Neck Peninsula Vessel Sewage No-Discharge Zone; Final Affirmative Determination

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final determination.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 3, has determined that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for waters within Virginia’s Northern Neck peninsula to support the designation of a vessel sewage no-discharge zone for such waters. Pursuant to the Clean Water Act section 312, this notice constitutes the EPA’s final affirmative determination on the application submitted by Virginia on September 10, 2025. Following this final affirmative determination, Virginia may designate certain waters within Richmond, Lancaster, Northumberland, and Westmoreland Counties as a vessel sewage no-discharge zone in accordance with State law.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On September 10, 2025, the Commonwealth of Virginia submitted an application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 3, for a determination that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for certain waters of Northern Neck peninsula, so that Virginia may completely prohibit the discharge from all vessels of any sewage, whether treated or not, into such waters. This application for a no-discharge zone was made pursuant to Clean Water Act section 312(f)(3).

The proposed no-discharge zone encompasses various waterbodies in the rural watersheds of Virginia’s Coastal Plain, specifically on the Northern Neck peninsula, in the counties of Richmond, Lancaster, Northumberland, and Westmoreland. Virginia’s application includes maps that depict the waterbodies included in the proposed no-discharge zone, as well as tables that specify the geographic coordinates of the zone’s boundaries. In its application, Virginia certified that the protection and enhancement of the quality of these waters require greater environmental protection than is afforded by the applicable Federal standard. This certification was based on a need to protect extensive shellfish harvest and aquaculture acreage from bacterial impairment and to preserve water