

accordance with the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act, as amended by the Semipostal Authorization Act. The office of Stamp Services will determine the date of commencement of the ten-year period.

(b) The Postal Service will offer only one semipostal stamp for sale at any given time during the ten-year period.

(c) The sales period for any given semipostal stamp is limited to no more than two years, as determined by the office of Stamp Services.

(d) Prior to or after the issuance of a given semipostal stamp, the Postal Service reserves the right to withdraw the semipostal stamp from sale, or to reduce the sales period, if, inter alia:

(1) Its sales or revenue statistics are lower than expected,

(2) The sales or revenue projections are lower than previously expected, or

(3) The cause or recipient executive agency does not further, or comply with, the statutory purposes or requirements of the Semipostal Authorization Act. The decision to withdraw a semipostal stamp is to be made by the Postmaster General, after review of supporting documentation prepared by the office of Stamp Services.

#### **§ 551.6 Pricing.**

(a) The Semipostal Authorization Act prescribes that the price of a semipostal stamp is the "rate of postage that would otherwise regularly apply." For purposes of this provision, the First-Class Mail single-piece first-ounce rate of postage will be considered "the rate of postage that would otherwise regularly apply."

(b) The prices of semipostal stamps are determined by the Governors of the United States Postal Service in accordance with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 416.

#### **§ 551.7 Calculation of funds for recipient executive agencies.**

(a) The Postal Service is to determine its reasonable costs in executing its responsibilities pursuant to the Semipostal Authorization Act, as specified in § 551.8. These costs are offset against the revenue received through sale of each semipostal stamp in excess of the First-Class Mail single-piece first-ounce rate in effect at the time of purchase.

(b) Any reasonable costs offset by the Postal Service shall be retained by it, along with revenue from the sale of the semipostal stamps, as recorded by sales units through the use of a specially-designated account information code.

(c) The Postal Service is to pay designated recipient executive agency(ies) the remainder of the

differential revenue less an amount to recover the reasonable costs of the Postal Service, as determined under § 551.8.

(d) The amounts for recipient executive agencies are transferred in a manner and frequency determined by mutual agreement, consistent with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 416.

#### **§ 551.8 Cost offset policy.**

(a) Postal Service policy is to recover from the differential revenue for each semipostal stamp those costs determined to be attributable to the semipostal stamp and that would not normally be incurred for commemorative stamps having similar sales objectives; physical characteristics; and marketing, promotional, and public relations activities (hereinafter "comparable stamps").

(b) Overall responsibility for tracking costs associated with semipostal stamps will rest with the office of the Controller. Individual organizational units incurring costs will provide supporting documentation to the office of the Controller.

(c) For each semipostal stamp, the office of the Controller shall, based on judgment and available information, identify the comparable commemorative stamp(s) and create a profile of the typical cost characteristics of the comparable stamp(s), thereby establishing a baseline for cost comparison purposes. The determination of comparable commemorative stamps may change during or after the sales period, if the projections of stamp sales differ from actual experience.

(d) Except as specified, all costs associated with semipostal stamps will be tracked by the office of the Controller. Costs that will not be tracked include:

(1) Costs that the Postal Service determines to be inconsequentially small;

(2) Costs for which the cost of tracking would be burdensome (e.g., costs for which the cost of tracking exceeds the cost to be tracked);

(3) Costs attributable to mail to which semipostal stamps are affixed (which are attributable to the appropriate class and/or subclass of mail); and

(4) Administrative and support costs that the Postal Service would have incurred whether or not the Semipostal Stamp Program had been established.

(e) Cost items recoverable from the differential revenue may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Packaging costs in excess of the cost to package comparable stamps;

(2) Printing costs for flyers and special receipts;

(3) Cost of changes to equipment;

(4) Cost of developing and executing marketing and promotional plans in excess of the cost for comparable stamps; and

(5) Other costs specific to the stamp that would not normally have been incurred for comparable stamps.

(f) The Semipostal Stamp Program incorporates the following provisions that are intended to maximize differential revenues available to the selected causes. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Avoiding, to the extent practicable, promotional costs that exceed those of comparable stamps;

(2) Establishing restrictions on the number of concurrently issued semipostals; and

(3) Making financial and retail system changes in conjunction with regularly scheduled revisions.

(g) Other costs attributable to semipostals but which would normally be incurred for comparable stamps would be recovered through the postage component of the semipostal stamp price. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Costs for stamp design (including market research);

(2) Costs for stamp production and printing;

(3) Costs of stamp shipping and distribution;

(4) Estimated training costs for field staff, except for special training associated with semipostal stamps;

(5) Costs of stamp sales (including employee salaries and benefits);

(6) Costs associated with the withdrawal of the stamp issue from sale;

(7) Costs associated with the destruction of unsold stamps; and

(8) Costs associated with the incorporation of semipostal stamp images into advertising for the Postal Service as an entity.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

### **40 CFR Part 300**

[FRL-6927-1]

### **National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Proposed partial deletion of the California Gulch Superfund Site from the National Priorities List.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to delete Operable Unit 10 (OU10) of the California Gulch Superfund Site, located in Leadville, Colorado, from the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution and Contingency Plan (NCP), which EPA promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA). This action is being taken because EPA, with concurrence from the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), has determined that all appropriate response actions have been taken and that no further response at the Site is appropriate.

A detailed rationale for this Proposal to Delete is set forth in the direct final rule which can be found in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**. The direct final rule is being published because EPA views this deletion action as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no significant adverse or critical comments. If no significant adverse or critical comments are received, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives significant adverse or critical comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments concerning this action must be received by EPA by March 19, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Rebecca Thomas, Remedial Project Manager, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, Mail Code 8EPR-SR, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202. Telephone: (303) 312-6552.

**Information Repositories:** Comprehensive information on the California Gulch Site is available through the EPA, Region 8 public docket, which is located at the EPA, Region 8 Superfund Records Center. The address for the Region 8 Superfund Records Center is: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, Superfund Records Center, 999 18th Street, 5th Floor, Denver, CO 80202, Telephone (303) 312-6473.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Thomas (EPR-SR), Remedial Project Manager, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, Mail Code 8EPR-SR, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80202. Telephone: (303) 312-6552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(2); 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657, E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923; 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-6939-4]

### National Oil and Hazardous Substances; Pollution Contingency Plan National Priorities List

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed partial deletion of portions of the Department of Energy (DOE) Mound Superfund Site (Mound Site) known as release block D and release block H from the national priorities list (NPL).

**SUMMARY:** The EPA proposes to delete Release Block D, a 12-acre parcel of property along the eastern border of the Mound Site, containing two industrial buildings. This proposal also pertains to Release Block H, a 14 acre parcel of property consisting of the Mound plant parking lot portions of the Department of Energy Mound Superfund Site from the NPL. This proposal also requests public comment on this action. The NPL constitutes appendix B to Part 300 of the National and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), which U.S. EPA promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) as amended. EPA has determined that these portions of the Site currently pose no significant threat to public health or the environment, as defined by CERCLA, and therefore, further remedial measures under CERCLA are not appropriate. EPA is

publishing this proposed rule without prior notification because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no dissenting comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no dissenting comments are received, the deletion will become effective. If EPA receives dissenting comments, the direct final action will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments concerning this Action must be received by March 19, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed to Timothy Fischer, Remedial Project Manager, or Gladys Beard, Associate Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (SR-6J), 77 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL 60604. Comprehensive information on this Site is available through the public docket, which is available for viewing at the Site Information Repositories at the following locations: U.S. EPA Region 5, Administrative Records 7th Floor, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604 (312)-886-0900; and The CERCLA Public Reading Room, Miamisburg Senior Adult Center, 305 Central Avenue, Miamisburg, OH 45342.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy Fischer, Remedial Project Manager, at (312) 886-5787 or Gladys Beard, Associate Remedial Project Manager at (312) 886-7253. Written correspondence can be directed to either Mr. Fischer or Ms. Beard at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (SR-6J) 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the Direct Final Action which is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657; 33 U.S.C. 1321 (c) (2); E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; E. O. 12580, 52 FR 2923, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193.

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