

Northwest Automatic Products, Inc. demonstrated an inability to pay its allocated share, and qualifies for a reduction in the settlement amount. This proposed settlement requires Northwest Automatic Products, Inc. to pay \$10,000 to resolve its liability at the Site. Through this settlement, and subject to certain reopeners, EPA covenants not to sue Northwest Automatic Products, Inc. for injunctive relief or response costs concerning the Site. In addition, Northwest Automatic Products, Inc. receives contribution protection for matters addressed in the settlement.

Dated: May 2, 2003.

Gale Hutton,

Acting Regional Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7499-1]

Notice of Proposed Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, As Amended

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675, notice is hereby given that a proposed prospective purchaser agreement ("Purchaser Agreement") associated with the Wade/ABM Superfund Site, Chester City, Delaware County, Pennsylvania was executed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice and is now subject to public comment, after which the United States may modify or withdraw its consent if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the Purchaser Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Purchaser Agreement would resolve certain potential EPA claims under sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606, 9607, against the Chester Parking Authority ("Purchaser"). The settlement would require the Purchaser to, among other things, pay \$1,000 to defray the

United States' administrative costs incurred in preparing the Purchaser Agreement, upgrade the existing containment and storm water management controls, implement the institutional controls detailed in the Purchaser Agreement, and redevelop the subject property as a parking facility.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the Purchaser Agreement. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The Purchaser Agreement and additional background information relating to the Purchaser Agreement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. A copy of the Purchaser Agreement may be obtained from Thomas A. Cinti (3RC42), Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Comments should reference the "Wade/ABM Superfund Site, Prospective Purchaser Agreement" and "EPA Docket No. CERC-03-2002-0293PP," and should be forwarded to Thomas A. Cinti at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Cinti (3RC42), Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Phone: (215) 814-2634.

Dated: May 8, 2003.

James W. Newsom,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7498-9]

Notice of Approval of Submissions To Prohibit Mixing Zones for Bioaccumulative Chemicals of Concern Pursuant to Section 118 of the Clean Water Act and the Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System for the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of approval of submissions by the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin to prohibit mixing zones for bioaccumulative chemicals of concern (BCCs) in the Great Lakes System pursuant to section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act and the Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System, as amended.

DATES: EPA's approval is effective on May 16, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mery Jackson-Willis, U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604, or telephone her at (312) 353-3717. Copies of materials considered by EPA in its decision are available for review by appointment at U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604. Appointments may be made by calling Ms. Jackson-Willis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 23, 1995, EPA published the Final Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System (Guidance). See 60 FR 15366. The 1995 Guidance established minimum water quality standards, antidegradation policies, and implementation procedures for the waters of the Great Lakes System in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Specifically, the 1995 Guidance specified numeric criteria for selected pollutants to protect aquatic life, wildlife and human health within the Great Lakes System and provided methodologies to derive numeric criteria for additional pollutants discharged to these waters. The 1995 Guidance also included minimum implementation procedures and an antidegradation policy.

The 1995 Guidance, which was codified at 40 CFR part 132, required the Great Lakes States to adopt and submit to EPA for approval water quality criteria, methodologies, policies and procedures that are consistent with the Guidance. 40 CFR 132.4 & 132.5. EPA is required to approve of the State's submission within 90 days or notify the State that EPA has determined that all or part of the submission is inconsistent with the Clean Water Act (CWA) or the Guidance and identify any necessary changes to obtain EPA approval. If the State fails to make the necessary changes within 90 days after the notification, EPA must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the approved and disapproved elements of the submission and a final rule identifying the provisions of part 132 that shall apply for discharges within the State.