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David P. Boergers,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6908-6]

Contractor Access to Confidential Business Information Under the Clean Air Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency has authorized the following contractor to access information that has been, or will be, submitted to the EPA under section 114 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) as amended: Alpha Gamma Technologies, Inc., 900 Ridgefield Drive, Suite 350, Raleigh, NC 27609, contract number 68D00282.

Some of this information may be claimed to be confidential business information (CBI) by the submitter.

DATES: Access to confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than ten days after issuance of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roberto Morales, Document Control Officer, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (MD-11), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, (919) 541-0880.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under section 114 of the CAA that the EPA may provide the above mentioned contractor access to these materials on a need-to-know basis. This contractor will provide technical support to the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) in developing Federal Air Pollution Control Regulations.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.301(h), the EPA has determined that the above contractor requires access to CBI submitted to the EPA under sections 112 and 114 of the CAA in order to perform work satisfactorily under the above noted contract. The contractor's personnel will be given access to

information submitted under section 114 of the CAA. The contractor's personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will receive training on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to CBI.

Clearance for access to CAA CBI is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2003 under contract 68D00282.

Dated: November 20, 2000.

Bob Perciasepe,
Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of programs and activities receiving financial assistance from the Environmental Protection Agency that are covered by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended.

SUMMARY: In accordance with subpart F of the final common rule for the enforcement of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681, *et seq.* ("Title IX") this notice lists those programs and activities that receive financial assistance from the U.S. EPA and are covered by Title IX. Title IX prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of sex in education programs or activities. Subpart F requires each Federal agency that awards Federal financial assistance to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the programs covered by the Title IX regulations within sixty (60) days after the effective date (September 29, 2000) of the final common rule. The final common rule for the enforcement of Title IX was published in the **Federal Register** by twenty (20) Federal agencies, including the EPA, on August 30, 2000, (65 FR 52857-52895).

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Civil Rights, Mail Code 1201A, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann E. Goode, Director, Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 1201A, 1200 Pennsylvania, Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone: (202) 564-7272 (voice), (202) 501-1822 (TDD). Facsimile: (202) 501-1836.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title IX prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities. Specifically, the statute states that "[n]o person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance," with specific exceptions for various entities, programs, and activities. 20 U.S.C. 1681(a). This statute was modeled after Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.*, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in all programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. The goal of Title IX is to ensure that Federal funds are not utilized for and do not support sex-based discrimination, and that individuals have equal opportunities, without regard to sex, to pursue, engage or participate in, and benefit from academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training, employment, or other educational programs or activities. For example (and without limitation), subject to exceptions described in these Title IX regulations, Title IX prohibits a recipient from discriminating on the basis of sex in: student admissions, scholarship awards and tuition assistance, recruitment of students and employees, the provision of courses and other academic offerings, the provision of and participation in athletics and extracurricular activities, and all aspects of employment, including, but not limited to, selection, hiring, compensation, benefits, job assignments and classification, promotions, demotions, tenure, training, transfers, leave, layoffs, and termination. Of course, Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in the operation of, and the provision or denial of benefits by, education programs conducted by noneducational institutions, including, but not limited to, prisons, museums, job training institutes, and for profit and nonprofit organizations.