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Current Information: <http://www.epa.gov/air/caaac/subcommittees.html>.

Individuals or organizations wishing to provide comments to the panel should submit them to Ms. Manners at the address above by September 30, 2002. The Clean Diesel Independent Review Panel expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

Dated: May 7, 2002.

Margo T. Oge,

Director, Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Technical Peer Review Workshop on the EPA Risk Assessment Forum Draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a meeting, organized and convened by Versar, Inc., a contractor to EPA's Risk Assessment Forum, for external scientific peer review on the draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment (EPA/630/P-02/001A). The meeting is being held to discuss technical issues associated with cumulative risk assessment and how to capture these issues in a broad, flexible framework that will inform future guidance development efforts in this area. The EPA also is announcing a 30-day public comment period for the draft document. EPA will consider the peer review advice and public comment submissions in revising the Framework document.

DATES: The peer review meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2002 and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2002. The 30-day public comment period begins May 10, 2002, and ends June 10, 2002. Technical comments should be in writing and must be postmarked by June 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard Crystal City Hotel, 2899 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202. Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor,

will convene and facilitate the workshop. To register to attend the workshop as an observer, visit www.versar.com/epa/cumriskmtg.htm, or contact Ms. Traci Bludis, Versar, Inc.; telephone: (703) 750-3000 extension 449; facsimile: 703-642-6954; e-mail bluditra@versar.com by 5 p.m. eastern daylight time, May 31, 2002.

The draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment is available via the Internet on the Risk Assessment Forum Publications home page at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/raf/rafpub.htm> under What's New. Copies are not available from Versar Inc.

Public comments may be mailed to the Technical Information Staff (8623D), NCEA-W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, or delivered to the Technical Information Staff at 808 17th Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20006; telephone: 202-564-3261; facsimile: 202-565-0050.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning the technical peer review workshop or the draft Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment, please contact Steven Knott, U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development (8601-D), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone (202) 564-3359, Fax (202) 565-0062, e-mail knott.steven@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Several reports have highlighted the importance of understanding the accumulation of risks from multiple environmental stressors. These include the National Research Council's (NRC) 1994 report *Science and Judgment in Risk Assessment* and the 1997 report by the Presidential/Congressional Commission on Risk Assessment and Risk Management entitled *Risk Assessment and Risk Management in Regulatory Decision-Making*. In addition, legislation such as the *Food Quality Protection Act of 1996* (FQPA), has directed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to move beyond single chemical assessments and to focus, in part, on the cumulative effects of chemical exposures occurring simultaneously. Further emphasizing the need for EPA to focus on cumulative risks are cases filed under Title VI of the *1964 Civil Rights Act*.

In response to the increasing focus on cumulative risk, several EPA programs have begun to explore cumulative approaches to risk assessment. In 1997, The EPA Science Policy Council issued a guidance on planning and scoping for cumulative risk assessments. More

recently, the Office of Pesticide Programs has developed cumulative risk assessment guidance focused on implementing certain provisions of FQPA. The Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards has applied cumulative exposure models in its analyses for the National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment (NATA).

The EPA Science Policy Council has asked the Risk Assessment Forum (RAF) to begin developing Agency-wide cumulative risk assessment guidance that builds from these ongoing activities. As a first step, a technical panel convened under the RAF has been working to develop a Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment. Building from the Agency's growing experiences, this Framework is intended to identify the basic elements of the cumulative risk assessment process. It should provide a flexible structure for the technical issues and define key terms associated with cumulative risk assessment.

Feedback on early drafts of the Framework for Cumulative Risk Assessment was obtained through meetings with other Federal and State government scientists. In addition, feedback was obtained through a public peer consultation meeting held in August 2001. The workshop and public comment period announced in this notice are associated with the external scientific peer review of the current draft of the Framework. The peer review will focus on the technical issues associated with the draft Framework.

Dated: May 3, 2002.

George W. Alapas,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Paying for Water Quality: Managing Funding Programs To Achieve the Greatest Environmental Benefits; Report to Congress

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of report.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency held a public workshop on March 14-15, 2002, to provide a forum to discuss how water quality funding programs can be managed and enhanced to achieve the greatest environmental benefit. A report to Congress entitled,

"Paying for Water Quality: Managing Funding Programs to Achieve the Greatest Environmental Benefit," was drafted based on the presentations and comments made during the workshop and is available for public comment and review. The report can be downloaded from EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/owm/srfwkshp.htm. All comments can be sent to Jordan Dorfman, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wastewater Management, State Revolving Fund Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004, Mail Code 4204M; telephone: 202-564-0614; e-mail: dorfman.jordan@epa.gov.

DATES: The report will be available for public comment and review for a period of two weeks from the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jordan Dorfman, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wastewater Management, State Revolving Fund Branch; telephone: 202-564-0614; e-mail: dorfman.jordan@epa.gov.

Dated: April 30, 2002.

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Director, Municipal Support Division, Office of Wastewater Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7210-4]

Proposed Agreement Pursuant to Section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA for the Beloit Corporation Superfund Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment on proposed CERCLA 122(h)(1) agreement for the Beloit Corporation Superfund Site.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative cost recovery settlement under Section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA concerning the Beloit Corporation Superfund Site in Rockton, Illinois (the "Site"). The proposed settlement was signed by the Director, Superfund Division, of Region 5, EPA on February 13, 2002, and has been approved by the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. The settlement has also been

approved by the Chief Legal Counsel for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and by the Chief of the Environmental Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed settlement, Giuffre II, a limited liability company under Wisconsin law ("Giuffre"), will resolve: (1) Its alleged civil liability under CERCLA as an operator at the Site; and (2) its potential liability for Existing Contamination, as that term is defined in the settlement agreement, which would otherwise result from Giuffre becoming the owner and/or operator of the Beloit Property. Giuffre will make effective one or more irrevocable letters of credit in the total amount of \$3 million. After the selection of the final remedial action for the Site in a Record of Decision ("ROD"), which EPA currently expects to occur in September of 2002, EPA will engage in Remedial Design/Remedial Action ("RD/RA") negotiations with Giuffre. As provided by section 121(f)(1)(F), the State of Illinois will be provided the opportunity to participate in those negotiations. If those negotiations are successful, Giuffre will enter into an RD/RA Consent Decree, and EPA will release and return any unexercised letters of credit to Giuffre upon that company's substitution of financial assurance meeting the requirements of the RD/RA Consent Decree. In the event RD/RA negotiations are unsuccessful, then EPA will draw on the letters of credit provided by Giuffre and transfer the proceeds into a Beloit Special Account, to be used to pay for the costs associated with the remedial action selected in the ROD.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the Talcott Free Library, located at 101 East Main Street, Rockton, Illinois 61072, and at EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. A copy of the proposed settlement may be

obtained from Sonja Brooks, Regional Docket Clerk, Region 5, EPA, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (R-19J), Chicago, Illinois 60604 (312-886-3617). Comments should reference the Beloit Corporation Superfund Site in Rockton, Illinois, and EPA Docket No. V-W-02-C-678, and should be addressed to Eileen L. Furey, Associate Regional Counsel, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard (C-14J), Chicago, Illinois 60604 (312-886-7950).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eileen Furey at the address and phone number specified above.

Dated: May 3, 2002.

William E. Muno,
Director, Superfund Division, Region 5.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Proposed Agreement for Recovery of Past and Future Response Costs Pursuant to Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), Electro-Coatings Superfund Site, Cedar Rapids, IA, Docket No. CERCLA-07-2002-0002

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed agreement for recovery of past and future response costs, Electro-Coatings Superfund Site, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a proposed agreement for recovery of past and future response costs concerning the Electro-Coatings Superfund Site, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with the following parties: EC Industries, Inc., Electro-Coatings, Inc., Electro-Coatings of Iowa, Inc., and Shaver Road Investments (Settling Respondents). This proposed settlement was signed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on March 27, 2002.

DATES: EPA will receive written comments relating to the proposed agreement for recovery of past and future response costs by June 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Denise L. Roberts, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101 and should refer to the Electro-Coatings Superfund Site Proposed Agreement for Recovery of Past and Future Response Costs, Docket No. CERCLA-07-2002-0002.