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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or Superfund, Section 104; Announcement of Proposal Deadline for the Competition for the 2001 National Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposal deadlines,
revised guidelines.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin to accept proposals for the National Brownfields Assessment Pilots on November 16, 2000. The brownfields assessment pilots (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years) test assessment models, and facilitate coordinated assessment and cleanup efforts at the federal, state, and local levels.

In fiscal year 2001, an additional \$50,000 may be awarded to an applicant to assess the contamination of a brownfields site(s) that is or will be used for greenspace purposes. Greenspace purposes may include, but are not limited to, parks, playgrounds, trails, gardens, habitat restoration, open space, and/or greenspace preservation.

EPA expects to select up to 35 additional National brownfields assessment pilots by April 2001. The deadline for new proposals for the 2001 assessment pilots is January 12, 2001. Proposals must be post-marked or sent to EPA via registered or tracked mail by the stated deadline. Previously unsuccessful applicants are advised that they must revise and resubmit their proposals to be considered for the 2001 National assessment pilot competition.

The National brownfields assessment pilots are administered on a competitive

basis. To ensure a fair selection process, evaluation panels consisting of EPA Regional and Headquarters staff and other federal agency representatives will assess how well the proposals meet the selection criteria outlined in the newly revised application booklet *The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots* (October 2000). Applicants are encouraged to contact and, if possible, meet with EPA Regional Brownfields Coordinators.

DATES: This action is effective as of November 16, 2000, and expires on January 12, 2001. All proposals must be post-marked or sent to EPA via registered or tracked mail by the expiration date cited above.

ADDRESSES: The proposal guidelines can be obtained by calling the Superfund Hotline at the following numbers: Washington, DC Metro Area at 703-412-9810, Outside Washington, DC Metro at 1-800-424-9346, TDD for the Hearing Impaired at 1-800-553-7672.

Copies of the guidelines are also available via the Internet:

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Superfund Hotline, 800-424-9346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a part of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative, the Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots are designed to empower States, communities, tribes, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, and safely cleanup brownfields to promote their sustainable reuse. EPA has awarded cooperative agreements to States, cities, towns, counties and Tribes for demonstration pilots that test brownfields assessment models and facilitate coordinated public and private efforts at the Federal, State, tribal and local levels. To date, the Agency has funded 362 Brownfields Assessment Pilots.

EPA's goal is to select a broad array of assessment pilots that will serve as models for other communities across the nation. EPA seeks to identify proposals that demonstrate the integration or linking of brownfields assessment pilots with other federal, state, tribal, and local sustainable development, community revitalization, and pollution prevention programs. Special consideration will be given to Federal Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/ECs), communities with populations of under 100,000, and federally recognized

Indian tribes. These pilots focus on EPA's primary mission—protecting human health and the environment. However, it is an essential piece of the nation's overall community revitalization efforts. EPA works closely with other federal agencies through the Interagency Working Group on Brownfields, and builds relationships with other stakeholders on the national and local levels to develop coordinated approaches for community revitalization.

Funding for the brownfields assessment pilots is authorized under Section 104(d)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA or Superfund), 42 U.S.C. 9604(d)(1). States (including U.S. Territories), political subdivisions (including cities, towns, counties), and federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible to apply. EPA welcomes and encourages brownfields projects by coalitions of such entities, but only a single eligible entity may receive a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreement funds will be awarded only to a state, a political subdivision of a state, or a federally recognized Indian tribe.

Through a brownfields cooperative agreement, EPA provides funds to an eligible state, political subdivision, or Indian Tribe to undertake activities authorized under CERCLA section 104. Use of these assessment pilot funds must be in accordance with CERCLA, and all CERCLA restrictions on use of funds also apply to the assessment pilots.

The evaluation panels will review the proposals carefully and assess each response based on how well it addresses the selection criteria, briefly outlined below:

Part I (Required)

1. Problem Statement and Needs Assessment

- Effect of Brownfields on your Community or Communities
- Value Added by Federal Support

2. Community-Based Planning and Involvement

- Existing Local Commitment
- Community Involvement Plan
- Environmental Justice Plan

3. Implementation Planning

- Government Support
- Site Selection and Environmental Site Assessment Plan
- Reuse Planning and Proposed Cleanup Funding Mechanisms
- Flow of Ownership Plan

4. Long-Term Benefits and Sustainability

- Long-Term Benefits
- Sustainable Reuse
- Measures of Success

Part II (Optional)

5. Greenspace

- Authority and Context
- Community Involvement
- Site Identification, Site Assessment Plan, Flow of Ownership, and Reuse Planning

Submission to Congress and the General Accounting Office

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this action and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication in the **Federal Register**. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2). This action will be effective on November 16, 2000.

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Second Consultation Meeting on a Longitudinal Cohort Study of Environmental Effects on Children

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting: consultation on the plans for a longitudinal cohort study of environmental effects on children.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a two-day meeting cosponsored by the Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (OBSSR) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

(NICHD)/NIH, and the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The meeting is being convened to discuss the development of a longitudinal cohort study of environmental effects on the health and well-being of children. Content of the meeting will include the status of activities to date, outline of study rationale and plan, issues of longitudinal cohort design, ethical issues, and discussion groups for input and feedback.

DATES: The meeting dates are December 12, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and December 13, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting site is the Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC. The workshop is open to the public, but seating is limited to a maximum of 400. Those planning to attend must register no later than November 29, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register as an observer, contact Ms. Kim Brickhouse, TASCOS, P.O. Box 30686, Bethesda, MD 20824-0686; telephone: 301-315-9000, ext. 516; facsimile: 301-738-9786; email: kbrickhouse@tascon.com. For further information, contact Dr. Peter Scheidt, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Room 7B05, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892; telephone: 301-496-5064; facsimile: 301-402-2084; e-mail: scheidtp@mail.nih.gov.

Dated: November 8, 2000.

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Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6902-8]

Proposed CERCLA Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement; FMC Dublin Road Superfund Site, Towns of Shelby and Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42

U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement for recovery of past and future response costs concerning the FMC Dublin Road Superfund Site ("Site") located in the Towns of Shelby and Ridgeway, Orleans County, New York with the settling party, FMC Corporation. The settlement requires the settling party to pay \$200,000.00 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund in reimbursement of past response costs incurred with respect to the Site. The settling party will also pay the interest on that amount calculated from March 25, 2000 through the date of payment and has agreed to reimburse the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") for all future response costs not inconsistent with the National Contingency Plan, 40 CFR part 300, as amended ("NCP"), incurred by EPA in connection with the Site. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling party pursuant to section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a) for past and future costs incurred at the Site by EPA.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this document, EPA will receive written comments relating to the settlement. EPA 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 proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. EPA's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the EPA's regional office, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at EPA, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Marla Wieder, Assistant Regional Counsel, Office of Regional Counsel, EPA, 290 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10007-1866. Comments should reference the FMC Dublin Road Superfund Site, EPA Index No. CERCLA-02-2000-2030, and should be addressed to Marla Wieder, Assistant Regional Counsel, EPA, 290 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10007-1866.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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