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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–7119–3]

### Office of Environmental Justice Small Grants Program—Application Guidance FY 2002

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

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection  
Agency published a document in the  
**Federal Register** of November 5, 2001,  
concerning application guidance for  
environmental justice small grants. The  
document contained incorrect dates.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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## Correction

In the **Federal Register** of November  
5, 2001, in FR Doc. 01–27591, beginning  
on page 55986, make the following  
corrections:

The date “February 21, 2002” is corrected  
to read “February 22, 2002 in the following  
places: page 55986, in the first column, in the  
second paragraph identified as **DATES**; page  
55988, second column, in the last paragraph,  
in the second sentence and third column, in  
the first line; and page 55989, second  
column, third paragraph.

Dated: December 12, 2001.

**Sheila Lewis,**

*Small Grants Program Manager.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–7119–4]

### Database of Sources of Environmental Releases of Dioxin-Like Compounds in the United States: Reference Years 1987 and 1995

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a final  
product.

**SUMMARY:** The National Center for  
Environmental Assessment within the  
Office of Research and Development, U.  
S. Environmental Protection Agency,  
announces the availability of the final  
*Database of Sources of Environmental  
Releases of Dioxin-Like Compounds in  
the United States: Reference Years 1987  
and 1995* (EPA/600/C–01/012, March  
2001) and *Users Manual* (EPA/600/R–  
01/012, March 2001). The database is an  
electronic repository of congener-  
specific chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxin  
and chlorinated dibenzofuran (CDD/  
CDF) emissions and environmental  
release data from all known sources in  
the United States. The database contains  
information that can be analyzed to  
track emissions and releases of CDD/  
CDF over time, compare congener-  
specific profiles between and among  
source categories, and develop source-  
specific emission factors that can then  
be used to estimate emissions. The  
information contained in the current  
version of the database is associated  
with two reference years: 1995 and  
1987.

The structure of the database and the  
flow of information into and out of the  
database are described in the Users  
Manual. The database was created using

Microsoft® Excel 97 (hereafter, Excel) in  
the manner of linked “workbooks.”  
Certain calculations and manipulations  
of data performed in Excel may be lost  
if the database is converted to another  
software; therefore, any recalculations  
for the data in the database should be  
performed using Excel. The Excel  
workbooks should be compatible with  
the Macintosh® version of Excel.  
Because the database and Users Manual  
are stored on a CD-ROM, a CD player  
is required for use.

**ADDRESSES:** The database is available  
electronically through the National  
Center for Environmental Assessment  
website at the following URL: [http://  
www.epa.gov/ncea](http://www.epa.gov/ncea). Copies of the  
database are also available without cost  
from EPA’s National Service Center for  
Environmental Publications (NSCEP) in  
Cincinnati, Ohio (telephone: 1–800–  
490–9198, or 513–489–8190; facsimile  
513–489–8695). When requesting a copy  
of the CD-ROM, please provide your  
name, mailing address, and the  
document number (EPA/600/C–01/012).  
No paper copies will be made available.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
David Cleverly, National Center for  
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or telephone(202–564–3238).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CDD/CDF  
emissions data were extracted from  
original engineering test reports of the  
results of sampling the stacks,  
wastewater discharges, and other  
emission streams at specific facilities  
and sources. The database was designed  
to accommodate facility-based  
emissions, mobile source emissions, and  
area source emissions. Test reports from  
various state agencies, trade  
associations, EPA program offices, and  
EPA regulatory dockets were  
consolidated and assimilated into the  
database. Most of the emissions data in  
Version 3.0 of the database concern  
releases to the air because few data are  
currently available on releases to other  
media.

EPA intends to periodically update  
the Database of Sources of  
Environmental Releases of Dioxin-Like  
Compounds in the United States:  
Reference Years 1987 and 1995 to reflect  
changes in emissions of dioxin-like  
compounds that may be associated with  
regulatory activity, advances in  
pollution control, abatement, and  
source-specific technologies. The next  
update to the database is scheduled for  
the fall of 2002, and will represent  
emissions of dioxin-like compounds in  
the United States for reference year

2000. Please consult the database website (above) for status and availability of this update.

Dated: December 5, 2001.

**George W. Alapas,**  
*Acting Director, National Center for  
Environmental Assessment.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7118-9]

### **Proposed Agreement and Covenant Not To Sue Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986; In Re: Gardner and Hubbardston Superfund Site, Gardner, Massachusetts**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection  
Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed agreement;  
request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601, *et seq.*, notice is hereby given of a proposed Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue between the United States, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and The Gardner Little League, Inc. ("Purchaser"). The Purchaser plans to acquire approximately 10 acres of property that is currently owned by Mr. Ronald Kirwood. The Purchaser intends to use the property to construct a youth baseball facility. Under the Proposed Agreement, the United States grants a Covenant Not to Sue to the Purchaser with respect to existing contamination at the Site in exchange for the Purchaser's agreement to pay EPA \$12,000. In addition, the Purchaser agrees to provide an irrevocable right of access to representatives of EPA.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the 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 One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02214.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 17, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Michelle Lauterback, Enforcement Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regional I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Mail code SES, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, and should refer to: In re: Gardner and Hubbardston Superfund Site, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-01-2001-0076.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the proposed Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue can be obtained from Sharon Fennelly, Enforcement Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Mailcode HBR, Boston, Massachusetts 02214, (617) 918-1263.

Dated: November 7, 2001.

**Robert V. Varney,**  
*Regional Administrator, Region I.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7119-5]

### **Notice of Final NPDES General Permit; Final NPDES General Permit for New and Existing Sources and New Dischargers in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Category for the Western Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico (GMG290000)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA Region 6 today issues a modification of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for the Western Portion of the Outer Continental Shelf of the Gulf of Mexico (No. GMG290000) for discharges from new sources, existing sources, and new dischargers in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category (40 CFR part 435, subpart A). The modified permit will become effective February 19, 2002. The existing permit published in the **Federal Register**, at 64 FR 19156 on April 19, 1999, authorizes discharges from exploration, development, and production facilities located in and discharging to Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico seaward of the outer boundary of the territorial seas offshore of Louisiana and Texas. Today's action adds the authorization to discharge of drill cuttings generated using synthetic and other non-aqueous based drilling

fluids and hydrostatic test water form pressure testing of existing pipelines.

A copy of the Region's responses to comments and the final permit may be obtained from the EPA Region 6 internet site: <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6wq/6wq.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Diane Smith, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202, Telephone: (214) 665 7191, or via EMAIL to the following address: [smith.diane@epa.gov](mailto:smith.diane@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Regulated Entities.* Entities potentially regulated by this action are those which operate offshore oil and gas extraction facilities located in the Outer Continental Shelf Offshore of Louisiana and Texas.

Category	Examples of regulated entities
Industry .....	Offshore Oil and Gas Extraction Platforms.

This table lists the types of entities that EPA is now aware could potentially be regulated by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be regulated. To determine whether your (facility, company, business, organization, etc.) is regulated by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability criteria in Part I. Section A.1. of the general permit. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Pursuant to section 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1342, EPA proposed and solicited comments on NPDES general permit GMG290000 at 63 FR 2238 (January 14, 1998). Notice of this proposed permit modification was also published in the New Orleans Times Picayune and the Lafayette Daily Advisor on June 9, 2001. The comment period closed on August 6, 2001.

Region 6 received comments from the Offshore Operators Committee, M-I LLC, Baroid Drilling Fluids, Petro-Canada, and B.P. Chemicals.

EPA Region 6 has considered all comments received. In response to those comments, protocol were included in the final permit for the new test methods for sediment toxicity and biodegradation. A statistical tool was also included in the final permit to account for variability in those new test methods. Several clarifications were also made in the permit's language.

The permit modification includes limits and monitoring requirements for six new parameters. Monitoring for those parameters and implementation of