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Public Input Process

This Federal Register notice solicits contributions and comments on all aspects to be covered in the third US CAR and in particular, on issues related to non-federal, state, regional, local, and private sector actions to address climate change. The document will be modeled closely on the format of the second CAR. Comments may be submitted to the contact listed above.

In addition, the U.S. will release the draft text of the Third CAR for review and comment in the summer of 2001. Comments on that document will be due within 30 days of release. Because of the tight time constraints on completing and printing the final text, a longer review period will not be possible.

We invite input now on all aspects of the document currently under development, including its content, format, and graphics. Comments received in response to this Federal Register notice will be considered in the preparation of the draft of the third national communication.

You may view the 1997 U.S. Climate Action Report on the Internet at: http://www.state.gov/www/global/oes/97climate_report/index.html.

Dated: March 8, 2001.

Robert Brenner,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6951-8]

Proposed CERCLA Prospective Purchaser Agreement; Doc's Auto Salvage Site; Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; 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.*, and the authority of the Attorney General of the United States to compromise and settle claims of the United States as delegated, notice is hereby given of a proposed prospective purchaser agreement concerning the Doc's Auto Salvage site at 580 Eighth Avenue North and 519 Tenth Avenue North, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, with the Metropolitan Council. The agreement requires the Metropolitan Council to pay \$1,000 to the EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund; to exercise due care at the site with respect to the existing contamination; and to provide access to the site and to records kept by the Metropolitan Council, retaining any such records for at least ten (10) years after the effective date of the agreement. The agreement includes a covenant not to sue or to take any other civil or administrative action against the Metropolitan Council for any and all civil liability for injunctive relief or reimbursement of response costs pursuant to Sections 106 or 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a), with respect to existing contamination at or from the site. For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the United States will receive all written comments relating to the agreement. The United States will consider all comments and may modify or withdraw its consent to the agreement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The United States' response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604. Please contact Christine M. Liszewski at (312) 886-4670 to make arrangements to inspect the comments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604. A copy of the proposed agreement may be obtained from Christine M. Liszewski, at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard (C-14J), Chicago, IL 60604, phone (312) 886-4670. Comments should reference the Doc's Auto Salvage prospective purchaser agreement, and should be addressed to Christine M. Liszewski.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine M. Liszewski, at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard (C-

14J), Chicago, IL 60604, phone (312) 886-4670.

Dated: January 3, 2001.

Douglas Ballotti,

Acting Director, Superfund Division, U.S. EPA Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6952-2]

Notice of Proposed Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

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 purchaser agreement ("Purchaser Agreement") associated with the Exeter Superfund Site ("Site"), City of Hopewell, Virginia 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 section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607, against the City of Hopewell, Virginia, and H.D.C., L.L.C. ("Purchasers"). The settlement would require the Purchasers to, among other things, (1) pay to EPA the sum of \$50,000 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Purchaser Agreement, (2) remove and dispose of all remaining asbestos found on the Site, in compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations governing asbestos abatement.

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 April 18, 2001.

Availability: 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 Natalie L. Katz (3RC42), Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Comments should reference the "Exeter Superfund Site, Prospective Purchaser Agreement" and "EPA Docket No. CERC-PPA-2000-0005," and should be forwarded to Natalie Katz at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Natalie L. Katz (3RC42), Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Phone: (215) 814-2615.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

Thomas C. Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6953-4]

Notice of Proposed Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Metro-Plating Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative cost recovery settlement under section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA concerning the Metro-Plating Superfund site in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. The settlement resolves an EPA claim under section 107(a) of CERCLA against Jerome W. Crawford. The settlement requires the settling party to pay \$2,000 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund and includes a covenant not to sue the settling party pursuant to section 107(a)

of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). However, the agreement does not protect the settling party from the following: (1) The settling party's failure to abide by the terms of the agreement; (2) costs incurred or to be incurred by the settling party that do not meet the definition of past response costs; (3) the settling party's liability for injunctive relief or administrative order enforcement under section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606; (4) criminal liability; and (5) natural resource damages.

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 the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 Records Center, 7th Floor, 77 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 Records Center, 7th Floor, 77 West Jackson Blvd, Chicago, Illinois 60604. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from William Ryczek, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Mail Code SE-5J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-7184. Comments should reference the Metro-Plating Superfund site, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan and EPA Docket No. ZW00C615 and should be addressed to William Ryczek at the address shown above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Ryczek, U.S. EPA Region 5, Mail Code SE-5J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-7184.

Dated: February 27, 2001.

William E. Muno,

Director, Superfund Division, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6953-8]

Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of Proposed Determinations That Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) Are Not Needed

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability for comment of EPA's determination that TMDLs are not needed for 26 waterbody/pollutant combinations in the Mermentau and Vermilion/Teche River Basins because new data and information show that water quality standards are being met. This proposed action would result in the removal of 26 waterbody/pollutant combinations from the Louisiana 303(d) list. EPA prepared the proposed determinations in response to a court order dated October 1, 1999, in the lawsuit *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.). Under this court order, EPA is required to prepare TMDLs when needed for waters on the Louisiana 1998 section 303(d) list by December 31, 2007. The court order also requires EPA to add or delete waters to the schedule as new data confirms that waters are or are not meeting water quality standards.

DATES: Comments on the 26 proposed determinations that TMDLs are not needed must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before April 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed determinations should be sent to Ellen Caldwell, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733. For further information, contact Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513. The administrative record file for the proposed determinations is available for public inspection at this address as well. Documents from the administrative record file may be viewed at www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm, or obtained by calling or writing Ms. Caldwell at the above address. Please contact Ms. Caldwell to schedule an inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1996, two Louisiana environmental groups, the Sierra Club and Louisiana Environmental Action Network (plaintiffs), filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the EPA, styled *Sierra*