

United States Department of Justice. This Agreement is subject to final approval after the comment period. The PPA would resolve certain potential EPA claims under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, against Fall Creek Redevelopment, L.L.C., the prospective purchaser.

The settlement would require the purchaser to pay \$50,000 to EPA. The purchaser intends to use a parcel of land that is part of the Site property to create a commercial/residential development in the Ithaca Falls area in the City of Ithaca, New York. That property, and adjoining Site property which is expected to be dedicated as parkland by the City of Ithaca, are currently subject to an EPA response action under CERCLA for the removal of lead-contaminated soils. The purchaser has agreed to provide EPA with an irrevocable right of access to the Site, to conduct all business in compliance with all applicable local, State, and federal laws and regulations, and to exercise due care at the Site. The purchaser will record a notice with the County Clerk's Office that the property is part of the Site subject to the EPA removal action.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this document, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866.

Availability: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866. A copy of the proposed Agreement may be obtained from George A. Shanahan, Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866. Comments should reference the "Ithaca Gun Superfund Site Prospective Purchaser Agreement" and should be forwarded to Mr. Shanahan, at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George A. Shanahan, Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866 or at (212) 637-3171.

Dated: January 29, 2003.

William J. Muszynski,

P.E., Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Region 2.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7450-6]

Proposed CERCLA Section 122(h) Administrative Agreement for Recovery of Response Costs for the Ithaca Gun Company Superfund Site, City of Ithaca, Tompkins County, NY

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for 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 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region II, of a proposed administrative agreement pursuant to section 122(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h), for recovery of response costs concerning the Ithaca Gun Company Superfund Site ("Site") located in the City of Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York. The settlement requires the settling parties, City of Ithaca ("Ithaca") and State Street Associates L.P. II ("SSAII") to pay \$150,000 and \$165,000, respectively, in reimbursement of EPA's response costs at the Site. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling parties pursuant to section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), in exchange for their payments. For 30 days following the date of publication of this notice, 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 that indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. EPA's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at EPA Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at EPA Region II offices at 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866. Comments should reference the Ithaca Gun

Company Superfund Site located in the City of Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York, Index No. CERCLA-02-2002-2021. To request a copy of the proposed settlement agreement, please contact the individual identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George A. Shanahan, Assistant Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 17th Floor, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866. Telephone: 212-637-3171.

Dated: January 29, 2003.

William J. Muszynski,

Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Region 2.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7450-5]

Proposed CERCLA Administrative Cost Recovery Settlements: Stickney Avenue Landfill and Tyler Street Dump Superfund Sites

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

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"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of two proposed administrative settlements for recovery of past response costs concerning the Stickney Avenue Landfill and Tyler Street Dump Superfund Sites in Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, between the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA" or "the Agency") and the following nine settling parties:

International Paper (f.k.a. Chase Bag);
The Dial Corporation;
Earl Scheib of Ohio, Inc.;
Eastman Kodak Company;
Hanson Building Materials America, Inc., (f/k/a Hanson North America, Inc.), as successor to Dura Corporation;
Reichert Stamping Company;
SafetyKleen Envirosystems Company, (f.k.a. Inland Chemical Corporation);
The Sherwin-Williams Company;
Sunoco, Inc. (R&M).

There are two separate settlement agreements. One agreement covers a settlement between U.S. EPA and SafetyKleen Envirosystems Company

(SafetyKleen); the other agreement memorializes the settlement between U.S. EPA and the other nine PRPs. The settlements require the settling parties to pay a total of \$244,427 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund. The settlements also include a covenant not to sue the settling parties pursuant to section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a).

For 30 days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlements. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlements if comments received indicate that the settlements are inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the following locations:

Toledo Public Library, Main Branch,
Science & Technology Dept., 325
Michigan St., Toledo, OH.

Toledo Public Library, West Toledo
Branch, 1320 Sylvania Ave., Toledo,
OH.

Toledo Public Library, Point Place
Branch, 2744 110th St., Toledo, OH.
Records Center, U.S. EPA, Region 5, 7th
Floor, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago,
IL 60604.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 13, 2003.

Background: The Stickney Site is a 50-acre piece of property located at 3900 Stickney Avenue, in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio. The Site is approximately 5½ miles upstream from the point where the Ottawa River discharges into Lake Erie. It is bordered to the west and northwest by the Ottawa River, to the north and south by privately-owned property, and to the east by Stickney Avenue. The Stickney site was used for the disposal of municipal waste by the City of Toledo from the late 1950's to about 1966, at which time the landfill was covered with soil, graded, and seeded. In addition to municipal waste, commercial and industrial waste was also disposed at the Site.

The Tyler Site is a 41-acre piece of property located on Tyler Street, in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, across the Ottawa River from the Stickney Site (the Ottawa River borders Tyler to the south and east). The Tyler Site is bordered on the north by the F.S. Royster Corporation (Royster) site, by railroad tracks, and by small industrial facilities and residences. The City of Toledo operated the Tyler Site as a municipal co-disposal landfill. According to documents in U.S. EPA

files and those of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), wastes were accepted at the Tyler Site between about 1955 and 1968. Other available records indicate that the Site may have operated as early as 1951 and as late as the early 1970s.

On March 9, 1993, U.S. EPA conducted a Screening Site Inspection (SSI) for the Stickney Site and for the Tyler Site. The SSI indicated that hazardous substances from surface soils and leachate at both Sites were being released or posed a threat of release to the Ottawa River.

Immediately adjacent to the Stickney Site on the south is an area generally referred to as the "XXKem Site" (a.k.a. S.M. Allen or Incorporated Crafts). The 13-acre XXKem facility formerly was occupied by companies which performed waste solvent and waste oil fuel blending operations. The XXKem Site is divided by a fence line which separates the front (east) portion (approximately 6 acres) from the central portion, which contains a closed lagoon. The Stickney Site is hydrogeologically down-gradient of the XXKem Site.

Between 1959 and 1969, Borden Chemical Printing Ink of Whitehouse, Ohio, disposed of wastes, presumably related to the manufacturing of inks, at the XXKem Site. Incorporated Crafts, Inc., operated on the XXKem Site between 1974 and 1981, using the lagoon for the disposal of liquid wastes from various industrial processes. Under a 1981 consent decree with the State of Ohio, Incorporated Crafts was ordered to close the lagoon. Under the terms of the decree, liquid wastes were to be removed from the lagoon and transported off site for treatment/disposal. The decree also provided for backfilling the lagoon with non-metallic auto demolition material, capping with clay and topsoil, and seeding. Closure was completed in 1983. However, an Expanded Site Inspection (ESI) conducted in 1994 and a Supplemental ESI performed in 1995 (both of which were conducted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) under a Cooperative Agreement with U.S. EPA) indicated that significant subsurface soil contamination remained in the former lagoon area, contamination that had migrated to the groundwater at the XXKem Site and the adjacent Stickney Site, posing a potential threat to the Ottawa River.

In May 1994, U.S. EPA signed an Administrative Order on Consent with a group of six PRPs for the Stickney and Tyler Sites for the performance of an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) at the Stickney and Tyler Sites.

During the EE/CA investigation for the Stickney Site, it became apparent that it would be necessary to cap a portion of the adjacent XXKem Site in order to tie the Stickney cap into native soils (fill at XXKem and Stickney were contiguous). The Final EE/CAs were approved on September 14, 1995, and included separate Streamlined Risk Evaluations (SREs) for the Stickney and Tyler Sites. On January 22, 1996, based on the results of the SREs and the analysis set forth in the EE/CAs, U.S. EPA issued separate Enforcement Action Memoranda (EAM), selecting non time-critical removal actions for the Stickney and Tyler Sites. The Stickney EAM also contained a response action decision for the former lagoon at the XXKem Site. Subsequent investigations of the sludge at the bottom of the disposal lagoon at XXKem and the groundwater impacted by that sludge provided evidence that sludge at the bottom of the closed lagoon contained significant levels of organic pollutants, PCBs, and inorganic pollutants, and that these pollutants were migrating via the groundwater to the Stickney Site and becoming commingled with contaminants in the latter. This led U.S. EPA to issue an action memorandum for the XXKem Site in January 1998 ("XXKem Action Memorandum"). The XXKem Action Memorandum called for the construction of a leachate extraction system near the XXKem/Stickney boundary, the purpose being to stop the migration of XXKem pollutants to the groundwater under the Stickney Site. This Action Memorandum was subsequently implemented through Administrative Orders by Consent negotiated with the City of Toledo and SafetyKleen.

Subsequently, U.S. EPA entered into an administrative consent order with a group of PRPs collectively known as the Stickney/Tyler Administrative Group ("STAG"), which consisted of the original six PRPs who had performed the EE/CA and numerous additional parties. In order to come to agreement with U.S. EPA, STAG conducted a private allocation process, which was presided over by a third-party neutral. Although U.S. EPA was not a party to the allocation process, the Agency subsequently received a copy of the allocator's report and reviewed the rationales set forth in the report. The Administrative Order by Consent (AOC) with STAG was signed by U.S. EPA on February 27, 1998. This AOC required STAG to install landfill caps at the Stickney and Tyler Sites, as required by the Enforcement Action Memoranda for these two Sites.

Cost Recovery Settlements

Based in part on the allocation process completed by STAG, U.S. EPA has determined that the settlements identified above are appropriate to resolve any cost recovery claims of U.S. EPA in connection with the Stickney and Tyler Sites. The settlements proposed in this Notice are with parties who did not join the administrative consent order between U.S. EPA and STAG to perform the response actions at these sites. Specifically, after the administrative consent order with STAG, U.S. EPA identified ten non-settling PRPs who, based on the allocation, had significant liability for the Agency's response costs; U.S. EPA subsequently negotiated cost recovery agreements with nine of these entities, who are identified above (the only remaining PRP is First Medical Group). The agreement reached with the PRPs other than SafetyKleen was based on the allocation of responsibility prepared by the third-party neutral for STAG, as well as information provided during settlement negotiations regarding the level of responsibility attributable to each PRP.

The agreement with SafetyKleen was based on that company's responsibility for its predecessor's disposal activities at the XXXKem Site. SafetyKleen's predecessor-in-interest, Inland Chemical Company, was responsible for the disposal of toxic chemicals at the central portion of the XXXKem Site, which was capped by STAG as part of the Stickney action. The capped area at XXXKem consists of approximately 5.5 acres, while the total capped area covering the Stickney and XXXKem Sites is equal to approximately 50 acres. Therefore, the capped area at XXXKem represents 11 percent (11%) of the total capped area covering the Stickney and XXXKem Sites. This percentage was applied to the United States' unrecovered past costs for the Stickney Site. The resulting calculation of the costs associated with the investigation and capping of the XXXKem portion were \$53,232. U.S. EPA applied a 15 percent premium to this amount because SafetyKleen had not joined STAG in implementing the remedy for the Stickney Site; this premium yielded \$61,217, which was rounded down to \$60,000 for purposes of settlement.

U.S. EPA has determined that the cost recovery agreements negotiated with these nine entities are appropriate. In addition, the United States Department of Justice reviewed these agreements and gave its concurrence on December 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at the following locations:

Toledo Public Library, Main Branch, Science & Technology Dept., 325 Michigan St., Toledo, OH.
Toledo Public Library, West Toledo Branch, 1320 Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH.
Toledo Public Library, Point Place Branch, 2744 110th St., Toledo, OH.
Records Center, U.S. EPA, Region 5, 7th Floor, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL.

Comments should reference the Stickney Avenue Landfill, 3900 Stickney Avenue, City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio, and/or the Tyler Street Dump, City of Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio and EPA Docket No. V-W-03-C-723 or V-W-03-C-724, and should be addressed to James Cha, Associate Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Mail Code C-14J, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Copies of the proposed settlements may be obtained from Deloris Johnson, Paralegal, Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Mail Code C-14J, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Cha, Associate Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Mail Code C-14J, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-0813.

Dated: January 24, 2003.

William Muno,

Director, Superfund Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2593]

Petitions for Reconsideration of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

February 3, 2003.

Petitions for Reconsideration have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International (202) 863-2893. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by February 27, 2003. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.
Subject:

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (CC Docket No. 96-45)
1998 Biennial Regulatory Review—Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service, North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms (CC Docket No. 98-171)
Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (CC Docket No. 90-571)
Administration of the North American Numbering Plan and North American Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size (CC Docket No. 92-237, NSD File No. L-00-72)
Number Resource Optimization (CC Docket No. 99-200)
Telephone Number Portability (CC Docket No. 95-116)
Truth-in-Billing and Billing Format (CC Docket No. 98-170)
Number of Petitions Filed: 8.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA-03-46]

Freeze on the Filing of TV and DTV "Maximization" Applications in Channels 60-69

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces an immediate freeze on the filing of "maximization" applications, as defined further, by analog and digital television broadcast stations in the 746-806 MHz spectrum band, currently comprising television channels 60-69. Imposition of an immediate freeze will ensure that new maximization applications are not filed in this band in anticipation of future limitations, thus defeating the administrative purpose of the freeze.

ADDRESSES: 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Matthews, Policy Division, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, (202) 418-2120.