

Justice ("DOJ") may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or DOJ determines, following the comment period, that consent is inappropriate, the final consent decree will establish deadlines for specific actions under sections 112 (m)(5) and (m)(6) of the Act.

A copy of the proposed consent decree was lodged with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on March 14, 1997. A copy of the proposed consent decree is also available from Phyllis J. Cochran, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 260-7606. Written comments should be sent to Michael W. Thrift at the above address and must be submitted on or before April 24, 1997.

Dated: March 18, 1997.

Scott C. Fulton,

Acting General Counsel.

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Middlefield-Ellis-Whisman ("MEW") Superfund Site Proposed Notice Of Administrative Settlement

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. 9600 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given that a proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement associated with the Middlefield-Ellis-Whisman ("MEW") Superfund Site was executed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") on February 20, 1997. The proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement would resolve certain potential claims of the United States under sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, and section 7003 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6973, against 464 Ellis Street Associates, L.P. (the "Purchaser"). The Purchaser plans to acquire approximately 80 acres located

within the MEW Superfund Site in Mountain View, California for the purpose of developing an office building which will house high technology and other businesses. The proposed settlement would require the Purchaser to pay EPA a one-time payment of \$200,000.

For thirty (30) calendar days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement. If requested prior to the expiration of this public comment period, EPA will provide an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area. EPA's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 24, 1997.

AVAILABILITY: The proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement and additional background documentation relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. A copy of the proposed settlement may also be obtained from Danita Yocom, Assistant Regional Counsel (RC-3), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Comments should reference "464 Ellis Street Associates, L.P.—Middlefield-Ellis-Whisman ("MEW") Superfund Site" and "Docket No. 97-04" and should be addressed to Danita Yocom at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danita Yocom, Assistant Regional Counsel (RC-3), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; E-mail: yocom.danita@epamail.epa.gov; Telephone (415) 744-1347.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

Keith Takata,

Director, Superfund Division, U.S. EPA, Region IX.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed continuing information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning the marketing of flood insurance. The federal government will be a guarantor of flood insurance coverage for WYO company policies issued under the WYO arrangement. To insure that any policy holder money is accounted for and appropriately expended, the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA) and WYO companies will implement a Financial Control Plan. This plan requires that each WYO company submit financial data on a monthly basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA regulation 44 CFR Part 62, Appendix B explains the operational and financial control procedures governing the issuance of flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by private sector property insurance companies under the WYO programs. The WYO companies are required to submit financial data on a monthly basis. The NFIP examines the data to insure that the policy holder funds are accounted for and appropriately expended. Monthly financial statements are prepared by the NFIP for the WYO program based on the data submitted by the WYO companies.

Collection of Information

Title: Write-Your-Own (WYO) Program.

Type of Information Collection: Extension.

OMB Number: 3067-0169.

Form Number: None.

Abstract: Under the Write-Your-Own program, private sector insurance companies may offer flood insurance to eligible property owners. The federal government is a guarantor of flood insurance coverage for WYO companies, issued under the WYO arrangement. In order to maintain adequate financial control over federal funds, the NFIP requires each WYO company to submit a monthly financial report.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The area currently 120 WYO companies reporting monthly to NFIP. This number will remain stable with minimal increases or decreases throughout year 2000. It is estimated that a total of 33 minutes is required per

WYO company per monthly report, to satisfy all requirements in the Financial Control Plan and WYO Accounting Procedures Manual. The 33-minute burden estimate is based on manual posting of company data onto these reports. Total annual burden for this request is 792 hours.

Frequency of Reporting: Monthly.

Estimated Cost: Actual "cost" of the WYO program to the government is difficult to assess because, were it not for the WYO companies, the government would incur operating expenses, agent's commission expenses and loss adjustment expense in connection with the policies issued by the WYO company. The annualized cost of the report in question to the Federal government and to the respondents is negligible.

COMMENTS: Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be received within 60 days from the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 311, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Kevin F. Montgomery, Financial Management Specialist, Federal Insurance Administration, (202) 646-2944 for additional information. Contact Ms. Anderson at (202) 646-2625 for copies of the proposed collection of information.

Dated: March 17, 1997.

Reginald Trujillo,

*Director, Program Services Division,
Operations Support Directorate.*

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed continuing information collections. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), this notice seeks comments concerning FEMA's request for personal financial data from its individual debtors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under FEMA's debt collection regulations, 44 CFR § 11.36(b), FEMA Debt Collection Officers (DCO's) are required to maintain current credit data on FEMA's debtors including, but not limited to, the individual debtor's own financial statement, executed under penalty for false claim, concerning his/her assets and liabilities and his/her income and expenses. FEMA Form 22-13, Debt Collection Financial Statement, collects such data directly from the individual debtor. FEMA DCO's use these data for collecting debts due the United States and arising from operations of FEMA programs. DCO's also use these data to determine debtor's ability to pay debts due FEMA, to locate debtor's assets, and for skip-tracing purposes.

Collection of Information

Title: Debt Collection Financial Statement.

Type of Information Collection: Extension.

OMB Number: 3067-0122.

Form Number: FEMA Form 22-13, Debt Collection Financial Statement.

Abstract: FEMA may request of individuals who are debtors to provide personal financial information on FEMA Form 22-13 concerning their current financial position. This information includes debtors' home and employment addresses, names of spouse (if any), any children, their ages, amounts and sources of the debtors' and spouses' (if any) salaries, stocks, bonds and other securities, real and personal property owned and bank accounts and names of creditors and amounts owed to these creditors.

With this information, FEMA DCO's can evaluate whether to allow debtors to pay the FEMA debts under installment repayment agreements and, if so, under what terms and amounts. FEMA DCO's

also use these data to determine whether FEMA should suspend or terminate collection efforts or compromise the respondent's debts. These data also are used for skip-tracing missing debtors and for location of debtors' assets if the debts are to be judicially enforced.

Providing information on FEMA Form 22-13 is voluntary on the part of the debtor. However, if the debtor does not provide the information requested by FEMA, the FEMA DCO may use more severe collection methods.

Affected Public: Persons who owe debts to the United States under programs administered by FEMA and who wish to either (1) enter into installment repayment agreements with FEMA, or (2) have their FEMA debts compromised, suspended or terminated under the provisions of 44 CFR §§ 11.50 and 11.51.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,000.

Estimated Cost: None to the debtor since he/she is retrieving information from memory or from the debtor's own, readily available, personal records.

COMMENTS: Written comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments should be received by [insert 60 days from the date of publication of this notice].

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Muriel B. Anderson, FEMA Information Collections Officer, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW, Room 311, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-2625. FAX number (202) 646-3524.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Richard S. Buck, IV, Financial Management Specialist, Financial Policy Division, Office of Financial Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FM-FP-PS), 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20742. Telephone number (202) 646-4091.