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Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by August 10, 1998 at 1-800-426-4791. Those registered for the meeting will receive background materials prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background on the National Contaminant Occurrence Database

The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (SDWA Amendments, section 126, appendix A) require establishing a NCOD to: (1) Include both regulated and unregulated contaminants; (2) identify contaminants that may be placed on the Contaminant Candidate List; (3) support the Administrator's determinations to regulate contaminants in the future; (4) support the review of existing regulations every six years and of monitoring requirements; (5) make the data base available to the public in readily accessible form; and (6) be assembled by August 1999, and maintained thereafter.

The NCOD is planned to be a collection of data of documented quality on unregulated and regulated chemical, radiological, microbial, and physical contaminants, and other such contaminants likely to occur, in finished, raw and source waters of public water systems (PWS) of the United States and its territories.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

The upcoming meeting deals specifically with EPA's efforts to develop the user interface tools to provide information within the NCOD to the general public. The EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) sees the involvement of interested parties, representing a variety of perspectives and expertise, as critical to meeting the requirement established in the 1996 SDWA amendments. Specifically, the amendments stipulate the information within the NCOD will be provided to the public in a readily accessible format. This JAD meeting will provide an important opportunity for such involvement. Some anticipated issues for discussion include the following questions:

1. Should the NCOD provide data currently available in other EPA water data systems (e.g., SDWIS, STORET)? Should the NCOD provide products to the public, in addition to the products and queries used to satisfy the internal primary drinking water program goals of

the NCOD (e.g., establish and maintain Contaminant Candidate List (CCL); determination to regulate or not regulate future contaminants; review existing regulations; etc.)?

2. What is a "readily accessible format"? Is INTERNET access enough? What type of non-electronic format is needed?

3. What capabilities are needed by the public: download query results, graphs, charts, tabular results?

4. What, if any, restrictions should be placed on the amount of data a user could electronically download? Should someone be able to download one hundred megabytes of data on a 14400 modem?

5. If electronic access time is restricted, as indicated above, how could data be provided (file type and media) for public use?

EPA has convened this public meeting to hear the views of stakeholders on the development of the public access component of the NCOD. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above or other related issues during the August 17-18, 1998 meeting.

Dated: July 10, 1998.

Elizabeth Fellows,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6125-4]

Interstate Lead Company Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed de minimis settlement and modification of consent decree.

SUMMARY: Under section 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed to settle claims for response costs at the Interstate Lead Company (ILCO) Superfund Site located in Leeds, Alabama with the City of Leeds. EPA will consider public comment on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

DATES: Written comments may be submitted to Mrs. Kim Dao-Vu at the

below address on or before August 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

A copy of the proposed settlement is available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303, 404/562-8887.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In addition, the EPA intends to request the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama to modify the Consent Decree relating to the ILCO Superfund Site entered in *U.S. v. Alpert Iron & Metal, et al*, Case No. CV-97-AR-0001 to add the following parties as Defendants in such matter:

Baker Iron & Metal Company, Inc.
Crown/Battery Mfg. Co. Inc.
D.H. Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc.
Daniell Battery Manufacturing Company, Inc.
Shredders, Inc.
Southern Foundry Supply, Inc.
Southern Scrap Company, Inc.
Taracorp, Inc.

EPA will consider public comment on the proposed modification for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from the proposed modification should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. A copy of the Consent Decree is available from Ms. Paula V. Batchelor at above mentioned address. Written comments may be submitted to Mrs. Kim Dao-Vu at the above address within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: June 29, 1998.

Franklin E. Hill,

Chief, Programs Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6125-3]

Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Allied Waste Systems, Inc. and Prestige Foods Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice of De Minimis Settlement: In accordance with section 122(l)(1) of the Comprehensive

Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1984, as amended (CERCLA), notification is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the Muskego Sanitary Landfill hazardous waste site north of State Highway 24 and east of Crowbar Road in Muskego, Wisconsin. The agreement was proposed by EPA Region 5 on January 12, 1998. Subject to review by the public pursuant to this document, the agreement has been approved by the United States Department of Justice. Allied Waste Services, Inc. and Prestige Foods Corporation have executed binding certifications of their consent to participate in the settlement.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before August 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590, and should refer to: In Re Muskego Sanitary Landfill, Muskego, Wisconsin, U.S. EPA Docket No. V-W-98C-484.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas J. Krueger, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, C-14J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590, (312) 886-0562.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is entering into this agreement under the authority of section 122(g) and 107 of CERCLA. Section 122(g) authorizes early settlements with *de minimis* parties to allow them to resolve their liabilities at Superfund sites without incurring substantial transaction costs. Under the proposed settlement, these parties would agree not to sue the United States for any claims arising out of the response actions taken at the Muskego Sanitary Landfill site. In exchange for that covenant, and in consideration of payments these parties have already made toward performance of response actions at the site, EPA would provide a covenant not to sue the settling parties and the contribution protection provided by sections 113(f)(2) and 122(g)(5) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. sections 9613(f)(2) and 9622(g)(5). EPA has determined that the amount of hazardous substances contributed to the site by the proposed settlers, and the toxic and hazardous effects of the hazardous substances contributed to the site by the proposed settlers, is minimal in comparison to other hazardous substances at the site.

The Environmental Protection Agency will receive written comments relating to this agreement for 30 days from the date of publication of this document.

A copy of the proposed administrative settlement agreement may be obtained in person or by mail from the EPA's Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590. Additional background information relating to the settlement is available for review at the EPA's Region V Office of Regional Counsel.

Authority: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. sections 9601-9675.

David A. Ullrich,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region V.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PB-402404-OR; FRL-5799-5]

Lead-Based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities; State of Oregon Authorization Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments and opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: On March 31, 1998, the State of Oregon submitted an application for EPA approval to administer and enforce training and certification requirements, training program accreditation requirements, and work practice standards for lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This notice announces the receipt of Oregon's application, provides a 45-day public comment period, and provides an opportunity to request a public hearing on the application.

DATES: Comments on the authorization application must be received on or before August 31, 1998. Public hearing requests must be received on or before July 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit all written comments and/or requests for a public hearing identified by docket control number "PB-402404-OR" (in duplicate) to: Barbara Ross, Environmental Protection Agency, Region X, 1200 Sixth Avenue, WCM-128, Seattle, WA 98101.

Comments, data, and requests for a public hearing may also be submitted electronically to: ross.barbara@epamail.epa.gov. Follow the instructions under Unit V. of this document. No information claimed to be

Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Ross, Regional Lead Coordinator, Environmental Protection Agency, Region X, 1200 Sixth Avenue, WCM-128, Seattle, WA 98101, telephone: (206) 553-1985, e-mail address: ross.barbara@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On October 28, 1992, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, Pub. L. 102-550, became law. Title X of that statute was the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992. That Act amended TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*) by adding Title IV (15 U.S.C. 2681-92), entitled "Lead Exposure Reduction."

Section 402 of TSCA authorizes and directs EPA to promulgate final regulations governing lead-based paint activities in target housing, public and commercial buildings, bridges, and other structures. Those regulations are to ensure that individuals engaged in such activities are properly trained, that training programs are accredited, and that individuals engaged in these activities are certified and follow documented work practice standards. Under section 404, a State may seek authorization from EPA to administer and enforce its own lead-based paint activities program.

On August 29, 1996 (61 FR 45777) (FRL-5389-9), EPA promulgated final TSCA section 402/404 regulations governing lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities (a subset of public buildings). Those regulations are codified at 40 CFR part 745, and allow both States and Indian Tribes to apply for program authorization. Pursuant to section 404(h) of TSCA, EPA is to establish the Federal program in any State or Tribal Nation without its own authorized program in place by August 31, 1998.

States and Tribes that choose to apply for program authorization must submit a complete application to the appropriate Regional EPA Office for review. Those applications will be reviewed by EPA within 180 days of receipt of the complete application. To receive EPA approval, a State or Tribe must demonstrate that its program is at least as protective of human health and the environment as the Federal program, and provides for adequate enforcement (section 404(b) of TSCA). EPA's regulations (40 CFR part 745, subpart Q) provide the detailed requirements a State or Tribal program must meet in order to obtain EPA approval.