In addition to Benzo[a]pyrene, EPA will also be initiating in FY 1999 a literature review on health effects of other polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). EPA welcomes scientific information from the public on health effects of PAHs. Additional health assessments on this class of chemicals will commence in FY 2000.

Follow-up annual **Federal Register** notices will address new starts for subsequent fiscal years. In the future, these notices will include chemical substances selected for assessment or reassessment under EPA's new guidelines for carcinogen risk assessment that are also planned for inclusion in IRIS (64 FR 32799, June 25, 1996)

Submission of Information

The IRIS program is providing an opportunity for public involvement on new assessments starting in FY 1999. While EPA conducts a thorough literature search for each chemical substance, there may be other articles or unpublished studies we are not aware of. We would greatly appreciate receiving scientific information from the public during the information gathering stage for the list of "new assessments" listed above. Interested persons should provide scientific comments, analyses, studies, and other pertinent scientific information. The most useful documents for EPA are unpublished studies or other primary technical sources that we may not otherwise obtain through open literature searches. Also note that if you have submitted

certain information previously then there is no need to resubmit that information. Information from the public is being solicited for 60 days via this notice.

Similar to the process described in the January 2, 1998 **Federal Register** notice, submissions will be handled in a three-step process:

1. First, you should simply provide a list (submission inventory), briefly identifying all the information you wish to submit to the IRIS Submission Desk. The list should specify by name and CAS (Chemical Abstract Service) registry number the chemical substance(s) to which the information pertains, state the type of assessment that is being addressed (e.g., carcinogenicity), and describe briefly the information being submitted for consideration. Where possible, documents should be listed in scientific citation format, that is, author(s), title, journal, and date. Your cover letter should state that the correspondence is an IRIS Submission, describe in general terms the purpose of the submission, and include names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons to contact for additional information on the submission. Mail three copies of the submittal to the IRIS Submission Desk, NCEA (MS-105), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268.

Alternatively, you may submit the submission inventory and cover letter electronically to IRIS.comments@epa.gov. Electronic information must be submitted in WordPerfect or as an ASCII file. Information will also be accepted on 3.5" floppy disks. All information in electronic form must be identified as an IRIS Submission.

2. In the second step, EPA will compare the submission inventory to existing files and identify the information that should be submitted. This step will help prevent an influx of duplicative information. You will receive notification requesting full submission of the selected material.

3. In the third step, you should send in the information requested by EPA within 30 days to ensure that EPA can consider it in the assessment.

Submittals should include a cover letter addressing all of the points in item 1 above. In addition, when you submit results of new health effects studies concerning existing substances on IRIS, you should include a specific explanation of how and why the study results could change the information in IRIS.

Please send three copies, at least one of which should be unbound, to the IRIS

Submission Desk, NCEA (MS-105), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268. The IRIS Submission Desk will acknowledge receipt of your information.

Confidential Business Information (CBI) should not be submitted to the IRIS Submission Desk. CBI must be submitted to the appropriate EPA Office via established procedures for submission of CBI (see 40 CFR, Part 2, Subpart B). If you believe that a CBI submission contains information with implications for IRIS, please note that in the cover letter accompanying the submission to the appropriate office.

You may also request to augment your submission with a scientific briefing to EPA staff. Such requests should be made directly to Amy Mills, IRIS Program Manager (ADDRESSEES).

Dated: December 3, 1998.

William H. Farland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL 62006]

San Fernando Valley—Burbank Operable Unit 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. 9601 et seq., notice is hereby given that a proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement associated with the San Fernando Valley North Hollywood Superfund Site—Burbank Operable Unit was executed by the United States **Environmental Protection Agency** ("EPA") on June 30, 1998. 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 Howard L.L.C. (the "Purchaser"). The Purchaser plans to acquire a 12.72 acre parcel located

within the Burbank Operable Unit in Burbank, California for the building of a multiple building development that would be suitable for commercial leasing to a motion picture production company. The proposed settlement would require the Purchaser to pay EPA a one-time payment of \$150,000.

For thirty (30) calender 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 January 11, 1999.

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, 74 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Marie M. Rongone, Assistant Regional Counsel (ORC-3), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Comments should reference "Howard L.L.C. Prospective Purchaser Agreement, San Fernando Valley Superfund Site, Burbank Operable Unit," and "Docket No. 98-10" and should be addressed to Marie M. Rongone at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie M. Rongone, Assistant Regional Counsel (ORC–3), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; E-mail:

rongone.marie@epamail.epa.gov; Phone: (415) 744–1313.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[DA 98-2415]

En Bancs Regarding Telecom Mergers

AGENCY: Federal Communications

Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission has released a Public Notice which announces two additional En Bancs to discuss recent consolidation activities in the telecommunications industry. The purpose of the merger En Banc series is to assist the Commission in determining whether certain proposed mergers are consistent with the goals of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, which include promoting competition in telecommunications markets and protecting the public interest.

DATES: Two En Bancs will take place on Monday, December 14, 1998. The first En Banc will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The second En Banc will take place from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Florence Grasso, Common Carrier Bureau, Policy and Program Planning Division, (202) 418–1579.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the first En Banc, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, interested parties, including state, consumer, community and industry representatives, will discuss the impact on telecommunications markets of the proposed mergers between incumbent local exchange carriers SBC and Ameritech (CC Docket No. 98-141), and Bell Atlantic and GTE (CC Docket No. 98–184). In the second En Banc, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., interested parties, including consumer, community and industry representatives will discuss the impact on telecommunications markets of the proposed merger between AT&T and Tele-Communications, Inc. (CS Docket No. 98-178).

The En Bancs are open to the public, and seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. The En Bancs will also be carried live on the Internet. Internet users may listen to the real-time audio feed of the En Bancs by accessing the FCC Internet Audio Broadcast Home Page. Step-by-step instructions on how to listen to the audio broadcast, as well as information regarding the equipment and software needed, are available on the FCC Internet Audio Broadcast Home Page. The URL address for this home page is http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/. The meeting can also be heard via telephone, for a fee, from National Narrowcast Network, telephone (202) 966-2211 or fax (202) 966-1770.

A transcript of the En Bancs will be available 10 days after the event on the FCC's Internet site. The URL address for the FCC's Internet Home Page is http://www.fcc.gov. Transcripts may also be obtained from the FCC's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Service, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, by calling ITS at (202) 857–3800 or faxing ITS at (202)

857–3805. Audio and video tapes of the En Banc may be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, by calling Infocus at (703) 834–0100 or by faxing Infocus at (703) 834–0111.

Federal Communications Commission.

Lawrence E. Strickling,

Chief, Common Carrier Bureau.
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 4, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (D. Michael Manies, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. Citizens Bancshares ESOP, Farmington, New Mexico; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 30 percent of the voting shares of Citizens Bancshares, Inc., Farmington, New Mexico; and thereby indirectly acquire Citizens Bank, Farmington, New Mexico.