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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, (8701R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-6853.

Dated: January 14, 2002.

Peter W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Research.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7129-9]

Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant an exclusive patent license.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404, EPA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing revocable license to practice the invention described and claimed in the patent application listed below, all U.S. patents issuing therefrom, and all reexamined and reissued patents granted in the United States in connection with such patent application to Corus Consulting Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The patent application is:

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/440,965, entitled "Hydrogel Alginate Compositions," filed May 15, 1995, and claiming priority from U.S. Patent Application 07/857,046, entitled "Use of Immobilized Film Bioreactor," filed March 25, 1992.

The invention was announced as being available for licensing in the April 26, 1995 issue of the **Federal Register** (60 FR 20490), citing another application in the series, U.S. Patent

Application 08/084,985, entitled "Use of Immobilized Film Bioreactor," filed July 2, 1993.

EPA has authority under 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) to proceed without a notice of availability when expeditious granting of the license will best serve the interest of the Federal government and the public. Under that authority, EPA has decided not to issue a notice of availability because an earlier application in the family of inventions was announced as available for licensing and because the only applicant, Corus Consulting, has filed an application for an exclusive license under 37 CFR 404.8 and is prepared to enter into an exclusive license agreement.

The proposed exclusive license will contain appropriate terms, limitations and conditions to be negotiated in accordance with the limitations and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.5 and 404.7 of the U.S. Government patent licensing regulations.

EPA will negotiate the final terms and conditions and grant the exclusive license, unless within 30 days from the date of this Notice, EPA receives, at the address below, written objections to the grant, together with supporting documentation. The documentation from objecting parties having an interest in practicing the above patent application should include an application for exclusive or nonexclusive license with the information set forth in 37 CFR 404.8. The EPA Patent Counsel and other EPA officials will review all written responses and then make recommendations on a final decision to the Director of the National Risk Management Research Laboratory, who has been delegated the authority to issue patent licenses under EPA Delegation 1-55.

DATES: Comments to this notice must be received by EPA at the address listed below by February 19, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Ehrlich, Patent Counsel, Office of General Counsel (Mail Code 2377A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-5457.

Dated: January 11, 2002.

Robert A. Friedrich,

Acting Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7130-1]

Intent To Assign an Invention

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to assign an invention.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 202(e)(1) and 207 and 37 CFR part 404, EPA hereby gives notice of its intent to assign ownership of the invention described and claimed in the patent application listed below, all U.S. patents issuing therefrom, all corresponding patents granted and issued throughout the world, and all reexamined and reissued patents granted in connection with such patent application to the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. The patent application is:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/992,544, entitled "A Technology for Continuous Measurement of Coarse Particle Mass Concentration," filed November 13, 2001.

Title 35 U.S.C. 202(e)(1) requires that assignment of rights to an invention be made in accordance with the provisions of chapter 18 of 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, EPA is required to follow the procedures set out in 37 CFR part 404, Licensing of Government Owned Inventions, which implement chapter 18, in order to issue the assignment. Normally, 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) requires an agency to issue both a notice of availability of an invention for exclusive licensing or assignment, as well as a notice of intent to grant the exclusive license or issue the assignment. However, EPA has authority under 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) to proceed without a notice of availability when expeditious transfer of rights will best serve the interest of the Federal government and the public. Under that authority, EPA has decided not to issue a notice of availability of this invention for licensing or assignment. The University of Southern California is co-owner by assignment from its employee inventor of an undivided interest in the invention. It is unlikely that any other party would be willing to take a license or assignment from EPA on a patent application or patent encumbered by co-ownership. Furthermore, the University of Southern California has identified a potential licensee of the University who is requesting an exclusive license of the University. The University cannot grant an exclusive license until it has obtained the exclusive license or assignment of EPA's co-ownership.

Accordingly, EPA is relying on its authority under 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) to proceed without such notice of availability.

The proposed assignment will contain appropriate terms, limitations and conditions in accordance with the limitations and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 202(c)(4), 203 and 204, and where applicable to assignments, the limitations and conditions of 37 CFR 404.5 and 404.7 of the U.S. Government patent licensing regulations.

EPA will negotiate the final terms and conditions and execute the assignment, unless within 30 days from the date of this Notice, EPA receives, at the address below, written objections to the grant, together with supporting documentation. The documentation from objecting parties having an interest in practicing the above patent application should include an application for assignment or for an exclusive or nonexclusive license with the information set forth in 37 CFR 404.8. EPA's Grants Administration Division, the Director of the National Risk Management Research Laboratory, and other EPA officials will review all written responses and then make a recommendation to the EPA Patent Counsel who has been delegated the authority to transfer and assign patent rights on behalf of EPA.

DATES: Comments to this notice must be received by EPA at the address listed below by February 19, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Scalise, Patent Attorney, Office of General Counsel (Mail Code 2377A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-8303.

Dated: January 11, 2002.

Robert A. Friedrich,

Acting Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7130-2]

Benfield Industries Superfund Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), the United States Environmental Protection Agency

("EPA") proposes to enter into a Prospective Purchaser Agreement ("PPA") regarding the Benfield Industries Superfund Site in Waynesville, Haywood County, North Carolina. EPA proposes to enter into the PPA with the party who purchases the property pursuant to a judgment sale conducted by the Haywood County Sheriff (the "Purchaser"). The PPA obligates the Purchaser to cooperate with any response actions EPA may take on the property, to grant EPA access for any such response actions, and to comply with specified institutional controls. Further, the PPA provides the Purchaser with a covenant not to sue from the United States for Existing Contamination on the property. The covenant is conditioned upon the Purchaser's fulfilling its obligations under the PPA. EPA will consider comments on the proposed PPA for thirty (30) days.

EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed PPA should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed PPA is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, 404/562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor at the above address within 30 days of the date of publication.

Dated: December 21, 2001.

Anita L. Davis,

Acting Chief, CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

January 10, 2002.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before March 19, 2002. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley or Leslie Smith, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804 or Room 1-A804, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to jboley@fcc.gov or lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via the Internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control No.: 3060-0798.

Title: FCC Application for Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Radio Service Authorization.

Form No.: FCC Form 601.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, state, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 241,335.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.25 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement, third party disclosure requirement.

Total Annual Burden: 211,169 hours.

Total Annual Cost: \$48,267,100.

Needs and Uses: The FCC Form 601 is used as the general application (long form) for market-based licensing and site-by-site licensing in the Wireless Telecommunications Radio Services. The purpose of this revision is to make the necessary form changes for the