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**Proposed Field Sampling Standards:** NELAC proposes to establish consensus uniform standards for environmental sampling and other field activities. The EPA invites comments on the scope and content of sampling standards from organizations which conduct sampling as well as other interested parties. A draft proposed General Sampling Standard may be viewed at the NELAC website at: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/nelac/propstan.html> under NELAC Files and Documents, Proposed Standards, "NELAC 8 Proposed Changes to Chapter 7: Field Activities", 5/21/02. The agency also invites recommendations for methods to implement a general sampling standard, as well as related field standards. Since the creation of NELAC, there has been a commitment to also establish standards for sampling and field measurement, since these activities are critical to the environmental measurement process. NELAC is committed to maintaining consistency with international standards related to laboratory accreditation. ISO 17025, promulgated by the International Organization for Standardization, contains standards for sampling as well as testing. In order to maintain consistency with the ISO standards, NELAC intends to adopt a general sampling standard. The proposed standard, mentioned above, is considered to be consistent with ISO 17025. The proposal to adopt field standards is a significant expansion of scope which potentially can involve a much larger collection of organizations. With this notice the Agency invites comments on (1) the proposal to establish such standards (2) the potential costs, and (3) the value of uniform field standards, for organizations doing sampling, their clients, data users, and other parties. The Proposed Standards will be discussed and voted on for adoption at the NELAC 8th Annual Meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1992 an EPA chartered federal advisory committee recommended that a national environmental laboratory accreditation program be established. At the same time, the committee recognized the need for accreditation standards for field sampling and analysis. The committee

recommended that the initial step be to establish a national laboratory accreditation program before expanding to sampling and other field activities.

EPA established the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) as a result of the committee's deliberations. NELAC has successfully developed and implemented standards for the laboratory community. Currently 12 state programs have accredited over 900 laboratories in 45 states.

NELAC provides the opportunity for the entire sampling and analytical community to voice their concerns, provide advice based on their professional experience, and effect positive changes to the NELAC standards. Among those who are encouraged to attend, in addition to the laboratory community, are those who deal directly with field activities, e.g., state and federal regulatory officials, engineering firms, regulated industry, samplers, and other affected parties.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-2002-0110; FRL-7183-1]

### Organophosphate Pesticides; Availability of the Revised Organophosphate Cumulative Risk Assessment

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of revisions to the cumulative risk assessment for the organophosphorus (OP) pesticides, which was developed as part of EPA's process for tolerance reassessments under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA). This notice starts a 30-day period during which the public is encouraged to submit comments. By allowing access and opportunity for comment on the revised risk assessment, EPA is seeking to strengthen stakeholder involvement and help ensure our decisions under FQPA are transparent and based on the best available information.

**DATES:** Comments, identified by docket ID number OPP-2002-0110, must be

received by EPA on or before July 22, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit III. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPP-2002-0110 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Angulo, Special Review and Reregistration Division (7805C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-8004; e-mail address: [angulo.karen@epa.gov](mailto:angulo.karen@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, nevertheless, a wide range of stakeholders will be interested in obtaining and submitting comments on the revisions to the OP pesticide cumulative risk assessment, including environmental, human health, and agricultural advocates; the chemical industry; pesticide users; and members of the public interested in the use of pesticides on food. As such, the Agency has not attempted to specifically describe all the entities potentially affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

##### II. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document and other related documents from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations," "Regulations and Proposed Rules," and then look up the entry for this document under the "Federal Register—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

To access information about organophosphate pesticides and obtain electronic copies of the revised risk assessments and related documents mentioned in this notice, you can also go directly to the Home Page for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/cumulative>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket ID number OPP-2002-0110. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as CBI. This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection in Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

### III. How Can I Respond to this Action?

#### A. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket ID number OPP-2002-0110 in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

2. *In person or by courier.* Deliver comments to: Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Information Resources and Services Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. The PIRIB is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The PIRIB telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

3. *Electronically.* Submit electronic comments by e-mail to: opp-docket@epa.gov, or you can submit a computer disk as described in this unit. Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on standard computer disks in WordPerfect 6.1/8.0 or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic

form must be identified by the docket ID number OPP-2002-0110. Electronic comments may also be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

#### B. How Should I Handle CBI Information that I Want to Submit to the Agency?

Do not submit any information electronically that you consider to be CBI. You may claim information that you submit to EPA in response to this document as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public version of the official record. Information not marked confidential will be included in the public version of the official record without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

#### IV. What Action is EPA Taking in this Notice?

EPA is making available for a 30-day public comment period the revised OP cumulative risk assessment. The documents being released to the public through this notice provide information on the revisions that were made to the preliminary OP cumulative risk assessment, which was released to the public December 28, 2001 (66 FR 67249) (FRL-6816-5), through a notice in the **Federal Register.**

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: June 4, 2002.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7235-4]

#### Proposed CERCLA Prospective Purchaser Agreement; Leggett & Platt Inc.; City of Sterling, Whiteside County, IL

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., and the authority of the Attorney General of the United States to compromise and settle claims of the United States as delegated, notice is hereby given of a proposed prospective purchaser agreement concerning portions of the former Northwestern Steel site at 121 Wallace Street, Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois 61520 with Leggett & Platt, Inc. (L&P) and Sterling Steel Company, LLC (Sterling). The agreement is contingent on and requires L&P and Sterling to perform numerous items of remediation that will be specifically set forth in the work plan currently being developed. The work will be performed for the areas of the site that L&P is purchasing—Plants 2 and 3. The work must meet the requirements of the State of Illinois Site Remediation Program. The agreement includes a covenant not to sue the L&P under sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a) and sections 3008(h) and 7003 of RCRA. The agreement also includes contribution protection for L&P under section 113(f)(2), 42 U.S.C. 9613(f)(2), and removal of any liens under section 107(l) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(l). For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the United States will receive written comments relating to the agreement. The United States will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the agreement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The United States' response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604. Please contact Thor W. Ketzback at (312) 886-7949 to make arrangements to inspect the comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 22, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604. A copy of the proposed agreement may be obtained from Thor W. Ketzback, at U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard (C-14J), Chicago, IL 60604, phone (312) 353-6720. Comments should reference the L&P prospective purchaser