

| Commodity | Parts per million |
|---|-------------------|
| Soybean, hay | 8.0 |
| Soybean, seed | 0.20 |
| Tomato | 0.10 |
| Vegetable, foliage of legume, subgroup 7A, except soybean | 15.0 |
| Vegetable, legume, group 6 | 0.30 |

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| Commodity | Parts per million |
|--|-------------------|
| Asparagus | 0.10 |
| Beet, sugar, molasses | 2.0 |
| Beet, sugar, roots | 0.5 |
| Beet, sugar, tops | 15.0 |
| Brassica, head and stem, subgroup 5A | 0.60 |
| Cattle, fat | 0.02 |
| Cattle, kidney | 0.20 |
| Cattle, liver | 0.05 |
| Cattle, meat | 0.02 |
| Cattle, meat byproducts, except kidney and liver | 0.04 |
| Corn, field, grain | 0.10 |
| Corn, field, forage | 6.0 |
| Corn, field, stover | 6.0 |
| Corn, pop, grain | 0.10 |
| Corn, pop, stover | 6.0 |
| Corn, sweet, forage | 6.0 |
| Corn, sweet, kernel plus cob with husks removed | 0.10 |
| Corn, sweet, stover | 6.0 |
| Cotton, gin byproducts | 4.0 |
| Cotton, undelinted seed | 0.10 |
| Egg | 0.02 |
| Garlic, bulb | 0.10 |
| Grain, aspirated fractions | 0.70 |
| Goat, fat | 0.02 |
| Goat, kidney | 0.20 |
| Goat, liver | 0.05 |
| Goat, meat | 0.02 |
| Goat, meat byproducts, except kidney and liver | 0.04 |
| Grass, forage | 10.0 |
| Grass, hay | 0.20 |
| Horse, fat | 0.02 |
| Horse, kidney | 0.20 |
| Horse, liver | 0.05 |
| Horse, meat | 0.02 |
| Horse, meat byproducts, except kidney and liver | 0.04 |
| Leaf petioles, subgroup 4B | 0.10 |
| Milk | 0.02 |
| Onion, bulb | 0.10 |
| Onion, green | 2.0 |
| Peanut | 0.20 |
| Peanut, hay | 20.0 |
| Peanut, meal | 0.40 |
| Poultry, fat | 0.02 |
| Poultry, meat | 0.02 |
| Poultry, meat byproducts | 0.05 |
| Pumpkin | 0.10 |
| Safflower, seed | 0.10 |
| Shallot, bulb | 0.10 |
| Sheep, fat | 0.02 |
| Sheep, kidney | 0.20 |
| Sheep, liver | 0.05 |
| Sheep, meat | 0.02 |
| Sheep, meat byproducts, except kidney and liver | 0.04 |
| Sorghum, grain, forage | 1.0 |

| Commodity | Parts per million |
|---|-------------------|
| Sorghum, grain, grain | 0.3 |
| Sorghum, grain, stover | 4.0 |
| Soybean, forage | 5.0 |
| Soybean, hay | 8.0 |
| Soybean, seed | 0.20 |
| Spinach | 0.50 |
| Squash, winter | 0.10 |
| Sunflower, seed | 0.50 |
| Sunflower, meal | 1.0 |
| Tomato, paste | 0.30 |
| Vegetable, foliage of legume, except soybean, subgroup 7A | 15.0 |
| Vegetable, fruiting, group 8, except tabasco pepper | 0.10 |
| Vegetable, legume, group 6 | 0.30 |
| Vegetable, root, except sugar beet, subgroup 1B | 0.30 |
| Vegetable, tuberous and corm, subgroup 1C | 0.20 |

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(d) Indirect or inadvertent residues.

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| Commodity | Parts per million |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Animal feed, nongrass, group 18 | 1.0 |
| Barley, grain | 0.10 |
| Barley, hay | 0.80 |
| Barley, straw | 0.80 |
| Buckwheat, grain | 0.10 |
| Millet, forage | 0.50 |
| Millet, grain | 0.10 |
| Millet, hay | 0.80 |
| Millet, straw | 0.80 |
| Oat, forage | 0.50 |
| Oat, grain | 0.10 |
| Oat, hay | 0.80 |
| Oat, straw | 0.80 |
| Rice, grain | 0.10 |
| Rye, forage | 0.50 |
| Rye, grain | 0.10 |
| Rye, straw | 0.80 |
| Wheat, forage | 0.50 |
| Wheat, grain | 0.10 |
| Wheat, hay | 0.80 |
| Wheat, straw | 0.80 |

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| Commodity | Parts per million |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Animal feed, nongrass, group 18 | 1.0 |
| Barley, grain | 0.10 |
| Barley, hay | 0.50 |
| Barley, straw | 0.50 |
| Buckwheat, grain | 0.10 |
| Millet, forage | 0.50 |
| Millet, grain | 0.10 |
| Millet, hay | 0.50 |
| Millet, straw | 0.50 |
| Oat, forage | 0.50 |
| Oat, grain | 0.10 |
| Oat, hay | 0.50 |
| Oat, straw | 0.50 |
| Rice, grain | 0.10 |
| Rye, forage | 0.50 |
| Rye, grain | 0.10 |

| Commodity | Parts per million |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Rye, straw | 0.50 |
| Wheat, forage | 0.50 |
| Wheat, grain | 0.10 |
| Wheat, hay | 0.50 |
| Wheat, straw | 0.50 |

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■ 4. Section 180.511 is amended by removing the entry for “Guave” and adding the following commodity to the table in paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 180.511 Buprofezin; tolerances for residues.

(a) General. * * *

| Commodity | Parts per million |
|-------------|-------------------|
| * * * * * | * |
| Guava | 0.3 |
| * * * * * | * |

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■ 5. Section 180.572 is amended by removing the entry for “Guave” and adding the following commodity to the table in paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 180.572 Bifenazate; tolerances for residues.

(a) General. * * *

| Commodity | Parts per million |
|-------------|-------------------|
| * * * * * | * |
| Guava | 0.9 |
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National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 47

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Comprehensive Environmental Response,

Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (“CERCLA” or “the Act”), as amended, requires that the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (“NCP”) include a list of national priorities among the known releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants throughout the United States. The National Priorities List (“NPL”) constitutes this list. The NPL is intended primarily to guide the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA” or “the Agency”) in determining which sites warrant further investigation. These further investigations will allow EPA to assess the nature and extent of public health and environmental risks associated with the site and to determine what CERCLA-financed remedial action(s), if any, may be appropriate. This rule adds 11 sites to the NPL, all to the General Superfund Section.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The effective date for this amendment to the NCP is October 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: For addresses for the Headquarters and Regional dockets, as well as further details on what these dockets contain, *see* section II, “Availability of Information to the Public” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** portion of this preamble.

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I. Background

A. What Are CERCLA and SARA?

In 1980, Congress enacted the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601–9675 (“CERCLA” or “the Act”), in response to the dangers of uncontrolled releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, and releases or substantial threats of releases into the environment of any pollutant or contaminant that may present an imminent or substantial danger to the public health or welfare. CERCLA was amended on October 17, 1986, by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (“SARA”), Public Law 99–499, 100 Stat. 1613 *et seq.*

B. What Is the NCP?

To implement CERCLA, EPA promulgated the revised National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (“NCP”), 40 CFR part 300, on July 16, 1982 (47 FR 31180), pursuant to CERCLA section 105 and Executive Order 12316 (46 FR 42237, August 20, 1981). The NCP sets guidelines and procedures for responding to releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances, or releases or substantial threats of releases into the environment of any pollutant or contaminant that may present an imminent or substantial danger to the public health or welfare. EPA has revised the NCP on several occasions. The most recent comprehensive revision was on March 8, 1990 (55 FR 8666).

As required under section 105(a)(8)(A) of CERCLA, the NCP also includes “criteria for determining priorities among releases or threatened releases throughout the United States for the purpose of taking remedial action and, to the extent practicable, taking into account the potential urgency of such action, for the purpose of taking removal action.” “Removal” actions are defined broadly and include a wide range of actions taken to study, clean up, prevent or otherwise address releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants (42 U.S.C. 9601(23)).

C. What Is the National Priorities List (NPL)?

The NPL is a list of national priorities among the known or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants throughout the United States. The list, which is appendix B of the NCP (40 CFR part 300), was required under section 105(a)(8)(B) of CERCLA, as amended. Section 105(a)(8)(B) defines the NPL as a list of “releases” and the highest priority “facilities” and

requires that the NPL be revised at least annually. The NPL is intended primarily to guide EPA in determining which sites warrant further investigation to assess the nature and extent of public health and environmental risks associated with a release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants. The NPL is only of limited significance, however, as it does not assign liability to any party or to the owner of any specific property. Also, placing a site on the NPL does not mean that any remedial or removal action necessarily need be taken.

For purposes of listing, the NPL includes two sections, one of sites that are generally evaluated and cleaned up by EPA (the "General Superfund Section"), and one of sites that are owned or operated by other Federal agencies (the "Federal Facilities Section"). With respect to sites in the Federal Facilities Section, these sites are generally being addressed by other Federal agencies. Under Executive Order 12580 (52 FR 2923, January 29, 1987) and CERCLA section 120, each Federal agency is responsible for carrying out most response actions at facilities under its own jurisdiction, custody, or control, although EPA is responsible for preparing a Hazard Ranking System ("HRS") score and determining whether the facility is placed on the NPL.

D. How Are Sites Listed on the NPL?

There are three mechanisms for placing sites on the NPL for possible remedial action (see 40 CFR 300.425(c) of the NCP): (1) A site may be included on the NPL if it scores sufficiently high on the HRS, which EPA promulgated as appendix A of the NCP (40 CFR part 300). The HRS serves as a screening tool to evaluate the relative potential of uncontrolled hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants to pose a threat to human health or the environment. On December 14, 1990 (55 FR 51532), EPA promulgated revisions to the HRS partly in response to CERCLA section 105(c), added by SARA. The revised HRS evaluates four pathways: ground water, surface water, soil exposure, and air. As a matter of Agency policy, those sites that score 28.50 or greater on the HRS are eligible for the NPL. (2) Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9605(a)(8)(B), each State may designate a single site as its top priority to be listed on the NPL, without any HRS score. This provision of CERCLA requires that, to the extent practicable, the NPL include one facility designated by each State as the greatest danger to public health, welfare, or the environment among known facilities in

the State. This mechanism for listing is set out in the NCP at 40 CFR 300.425(c)(2). (3) The third mechanism for listing, included in the NCP at 40 CFR 300.425(c)(3), allows certain sites to be listed without any HRS score, if all of the following conditions are met:

- The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) of the U.S. Public Health Service has issued a health advisory that recommends dissociation of individuals from the release.
- EPA determines that the release poses a significant threat to public health.
- EPA anticipates that it will be more cost-effective to use its remedial authority than to use its removal authority to respond to the release.

EPA promulgated an original NPL of 406 sites on September 8, 1983 (48 FR 40658) and generally has updated it at least annually.

E. What Happens to Sites on the NPL?

A site may undergo remedial action financed by the Trust Fund established under CERCLA (commonly referred to as the "Superfund") only after it is placed on the NPL, as provided in the NCP at 40 CFR 300.425(b)(1). ("Remedial actions" are those "consistent with permanent remedy, taken instead of or in addition to removal actions * * *." 42 U.S.C. 9601(24).) However, under 40 CFR 300.425(b)(2) placing a site on the NPL "does not imply that monies will be expended." EPA may pursue other appropriate authorities to respond to the releases, including enforcement action under CERCLA and other laws.

F. Does the NPL Define the Boundaries of Sites?

The NPL does not describe releases in precise geographical terms; it would be neither feasible nor consistent with the limited purpose of the NPL (to identify releases that are priorities for further evaluation), for it to do so. Indeed, the precise nature and extent of the site are typically not known at the time of listing.

Although a CERCLA "facility" is broadly defined to include any area where a hazardous substance has "come to be located" (CERCLA section 101(9)), the listing process itself is not intended to define or reflect the boundaries of such facilities or releases. Of course, HRS data (if the HRS is used to list a site) upon which the NPL placement was based will, to some extent, describe the release(s) at issue. That is, the NPL site would include all releases evaluated as part of that HRS analysis.

When a site is listed, the approach generally used to describe the relevant release(s) is to delineate a geographical area (usually the area within an installation or plant boundaries) and identify the site by reference to that area. However, the NPL site is not necessarily coextensive with the boundaries of the installation or plant, and the boundaries of the installation or plant are not necessarily the "boundaries" of the site. Rather, the site consists of all contaminated areas within the area used to identify the site, as well as any other location where that contamination has come to be located, or from where that contamination came.

In other words, while geographic terms are often used to designate the site (e.g., the "Jones Co. plant site") in terms of the property owned by a particular party, the site, properly understood, is not limited to that property (e.g., it may extend beyond the property due to contaminant migration), and conversely may not occupy the full extent of the property (e.g., where there are uncontaminated parts of the identified property, they may not be, strictly speaking, part of the "site"). The "site" is thus neither equal to, nor confined by, the boundaries of any specific property that may give the site its name, and the name itself should not be read to imply that this site is coextensive with the entire area within the property boundary of the installation or plant. In addition, the site name is merely used to help identify the geographic location of the contamination, and is not meant to constitute any determination of liability at a site. For example, the name "Jones Co. plant site," does not imply that the Jones company is responsible for the contamination located on the plant site.

EPA regulations provide that the Remedial Investigation ("RI") "is a process undertaken * * * to determine the nature and extent of the problem presented by the release" as more information is developed on site contamination, and which is generally performed in an interactive fashion with the Feasibility Study ("FS") (40 CFR 300.5). During the RI/FS process, the release may be found to be larger or smaller than was originally thought, as more is learned about the source(s) and the migration of the contamination. However, the HRS inquiry focuses on an evaluation of the threat posed and therefore the boundaries of the release need not be exactly defined. Moreover, it generally is impossible to discover the full extent of where the contamination "has come to be located" before all necessary studies and remedial work are completed at a site. Indeed, the known

boundaries of the contamination can be expected to change over time. Thus, in most cases, it may be impossible to describe the boundaries of a release with absolute certainty.

Further, as noted above, NPL listing does not assign liability to any party or to the owner of any specific property. Thus, if a party does not believe it is liable for releases on discrete parcels of property, it can submit supporting information to the Agency at any time after it receives notice it is a potentially responsible party.

For these reasons, the NPL need not be amended as further research reveals more information about the location of the contamination or release.

G. How Are Sites Removed From the NPL?

EPA may delete sites from the NPL where no further response is appropriate under Superfund, as explained in the NCP at 40 CFR 300.425(e). This section also provides that EPA shall consult with states on proposed deletions and shall consider whether any of the following criteria have been met:

- (i) Responsible parties or other persons have implemented all appropriate response actions required;
- (ii) All appropriate Superfund-financed response has been implemented and no further response action is required; or
- (iii) The remedial investigation has shown the release poses no significant threat to public health or the environment, and taking of remedial measures is not appropriate.

H. May EPA Delete Portions of Sites From the NPL as They Are Cleaned Up?

In November 1995, EPA initiated a new policy to delete portions of NPL sites where cleanup is complete (60 FR 55465, November 1, 1995). Total site cleanup may take many years, while portions of the site may have been cleaned up and made available for productive use.

I. What Is the Construction Completion List (CCL)?

EPA also has developed an NPL construction completion list ("CCL") to simplify its system of categorizing sites and to better communicate the successful completion of cleanup activities (58 FR 12142, March 2, 1993). Inclusion of a site on the CCL has no legal significance.

Sites qualify for the CCL when: (1) Any necessary physical construction is complete, whether or not final cleanup levels or other requirements have been achieved; (2) EPA has determined that the response action should be limited to measures that do not involve construction (e.g., institutional controls); or (3) the site qualifies for deletion from the NPL. For the most up-to-date information on the CCL, see EPA's Internet site at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/cleanup/ccl.htm>.

J. What Is the Sitewide Ready for Anticipated Use Measure?

The Sitewide Ready for Anticipated Use measure (formerly called Sitewide Ready-for-Reuse) represents important Superfund accomplishments and the measure reflects the high priority EPA

places on considering anticipated future land use as part of our remedy selection process. See Guidance for Implementing the Sitewide Ready-for-Reuse Measure, May 24, 2006, OSWER 9365.0-36. This measure applies to final and deleted sites where construction is complete, all cleanup goals have been achieved, and all institutional or other controls are in place. EPA has been successful on many occasions in carrying out remedial actions that ensure protectiveness of human health and the environment, including current and future land users, in a manner that allows contaminated properties to be restored to environmental and economic vitality while ensuring protectiveness for current and future land users. For further information, please go to <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/recycle/tools/index.html>.

II. Availability of Information to the Public

A. May I Review the Documents Relevant to This Final Rule?

Yes, documents relating to the evaluation and scoring of the sites in this final rule are contained in dockets located both at EPA Headquarters and in the Regional offices.

An electronic version of the public docket is available through www.regulations.gov (see table below for Docket Identification numbers). Although not all Docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available Docket materials through the Docket facilities identified below in section II D.

| Site name | City/county, state | FDMS Docket ID No. |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| B.F. Goodrich | Rialto, CA | EPA-HQ-SFUND-2008-0574 |
| Lane Street Ground Water Contamination | Elkhart, IN | EPA-HQ-SFUND-2009-0071 |
| Southwest Jefferson County Mining | Jefferson County, MO | EPA-HQ-SFUND-2009-0074 |
| Flat Creek IMM | Superior, MT | EPA-HQ-SFUND-2009-0075 |
| Ore Knob Mine | Ashe County, NC | EPA-HQ-SFUND-2009-0068 |
| GMH Electronics | Roxboro, NC | EPA-HQ-SFUND-2009-0069 |
| Curtis Specialty Papers, Inc. | Milford, NJ | EPA-HQ-SFUND-2008-0579 |
| Little Scioto River | Marion County, OH | EPA-HQ-SFUND-2009-0072 |
| Salford Quarry | Lower Salford Township, PA | EPA-HQ-SFUND-1997-0009 |
| Papelera Puertorriquena, Inc. | Utua, PR | EPA-HQ-SFUND-2009-0064 |
| Amcast Industrial Corporation | Cedarburg, WI | EPA-HQ-SFUND-2009-0073 |

B. What Documents Are Available for Review at the Headquarters Docket?

The Headquarters Docket for this rule contains, for each site, the HRS score sheets, the Documentation Record describing the information used to compute the score, pertinent information regarding statutory requirements or EPA listing policies that affect the site, and a list of documents

referenced in the Documentation Record. For sites that received comments during the comment period, the Headquarters Docket also contains a Support Document that includes EPA's responses to comments.

C. What Documents Are Available for Review at the Regional Dockets?

The Regional Dockets contain all the information in the Headquarters Docket, plus the actual reference documents containing the data principally relied upon by EPA in calculating or evaluating the HRS score for the sites located in their Region. These reference documents are available only in the

Regional Dockets. For sites that received comments during the comment period, the Regional Docket also contains a Support Document that includes EPA's responses to comments.

D. How Do I Access the Documents?

You may view the documents, by appointment only, after the publication of this rule. The hours of operation for the Headquarters Docket are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Please contact the Regional Dockets for hours.

Following is the contact information for the EPA Headquarters: Docket Coordinator, Headquarters; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; CERCLA Docket Office; 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW.; EPA West, Room 3334, Washington, DC 20004, 202/566-0276.

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E. How May I Obtain a Current List of NPL Sites?

You may obtain a current list of NPL sites via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/> (look under the Superfund sites category) or by contacting the Superfund Docket (see contact information above).

III. Contents of This Final Rule

A. Additions to the NPL

This final rule adds the following 11 sites to the NPL, all to the General Superfund Section. The sites are presented in the table below:

| State | Site name | City/county |
|-------|--|-------------------------|
| CA | B.F. Goodrich | Rialto. |
| IN | Lane Street Ground Water Contamination | Elkhart. |
| MO | Southwest Jefferson County Mining | Jefferson County. |
| MT | Flat Creek IMM | Superior. |
| NC | Ore Knob Mine | Ashe County. |
| NC | GMH Electronics | Roxboro. |
| NJ | Curtis Specialty Papers, Inc. | Milford. |
| OH | Little Scioto River | Marion County. |
| PA | Salford Quarry | Lower Salford Township. |
| PR | Papelera Puertorriquena, Inc. | Utua. |
| WI | Amcast Industrial Corporation | Cedarburg. |

B. Site Name Change

The Curtis Specialty Papers, Inc. site in Milford, New Jersey, was proposed to the NPL under a different name. The former name was Curtis Papers, Inc. (see Proposed Rule at 73 FR 51393, September 3, 2008). EPA believes the new name, Curtis Specialty Papers, Inc., more accurately identifies the site.

C. What Did EPA Do With the Public Comments It Received?

EPA reviewed all comments received on the sites in this rule and responded to all relevant comments.

Eleven sites are being finalized in this rule. EPA received adverse comments related to the HRS scoring of two sites: B.F. Goodrich and Curtis Specialty Papers, Inc. The comments, EPA's responses to the comments, and the impacts, if any, on the HRS scores, are presented in support documents

responding to the comments for each of the two sites. These support documents are being placed in the Headquarters and regional dockets concurrently with the publication of this rule.

EPA received non-HRS comments for three sites. For two of these sites, Papelera Puertorriquena, Inc. and Amcast Industrial Corporation, commenters requested extensions of the comment period in order to have more review time and discuss voluntary cleanup options (Papelera Puertorriquena, Inc.) and in order to complete due diligence and purchase negotiations (Amcast Industrial Corporation). EPA denied both extension requests. There were no errors in the materials available during the comment period in either docket, and therefore, the commenters had adequate opportunity to comment upon the proposed listing and the underlying

record for the listings. Moreover, EPA is finalizing the sites because EPA, Puerto Rico and Wisconsin believe listing is the most effective way of obtaining site cleanup. This action should not interfere with a voluntary cleanup at Papelera Puertorriquena, Inc. EPA notes that potentially responsible parties (PRPs) may undertake the RI/FS and/or remedial design/remedial action stages under supervision and pursuant to appropriate agreements with governmental authorities. PRPs may also take part in the remedy selection process through public participation opportunities. Regarding Amcast Industrial Corporation, where a potential developer requested the extension in order to pursue EPA brownfields grant funding, this arrangement would have been precluded once the site was proposed; sites proposed to the NPL are not

eligible to be considered for brownfields funding. The mayor of Cedarburg commented in support of listing the Amcast site, which EPA is doing through this final rule.

In the case of the third site, Flat Creek IMM, four commenters supported listing but urged EPA to use local workers and implement an Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) zone set aside. EPA anticipates using the local work force at later stages of the Superfund process, but cannot create a HUB zone set aside because this is the responsibility of the Small Business Administration. Another commenter raised several different issues regarding the site. The commenter first provided dates and other site history details that were sometimes inconsistent with the documentation in the HRS record, which EPA based on materials from the Montana Department of State Lands. Regardless of whether the commenter or the State documents are correct, the differences have no impact on the site score since the information presented in the Site History and Description sections of the HRS documentation record was not used to compute the HRS score. The commenter claimed mining activities did not contaminate the ground water or surface drinking water. This has no bearing on the score because neither the ground water pathway nor the surface drinking water pathway was used in the scoring; the site was scored on the soil exposure and surface water environmental and human food chain pathways. The commenter next claimed the levels of lead in two dumptrucks worth of the tailings were less than the levels in the two batteries of the commenter's pickup. In response, although lead was identified as being at the site, it was not used to calculate the site score, and removing it from the record would have no impact on the score. The commenter claimed fish still inhabit Flat Creek. This is consistent with the HRS record, which documents a fishery to be present within Flat Creek. The commenter also stated that most people have no contact with the tailings located along Flat Creek. Even if true, this comment does not affect the HRS site score because the soil exposure pathway scoring for the site considered locations other than the tailings along Flat Creek in computing the HRS score. In conclusion, these comments have no impact on the HRS score or listing decision for the Flat Creek IMM site.

For the six remaining sites being finalized in this rule, EPA received no comments during the comment period: Lane Street Ground Water Contamination; Southwest Jefferson County Mining; Ore Knob Mine; GMH

Electronics; Little Scioto River; and Salford Quarry.

All comments that were received by EPA are contained in the Headquarters Docket and are also listed in EPA's electronic public Docket and comment system at www.regulations.gov.

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

A. Executive Order 12866: Regulatory Planning and Review

1. What Is Executive Order 12866?

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735 (October 4, 1993)), the Agency must determine whether a regulatory action is "significant" and therefore subject to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review and the requirements of the Executive Order. The Order defines "significant regulatory action" as one that is likely to result in a rule that may: (1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities; (2) create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3) materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in the Executive Order.

2. Is This Final Rule Subject to Executive Order 12866 Review?

No. The listing of sites on the NPL does not impose any obligations on any entities. The listing does not set standards or a regulatory regime and imposes no liability or costs. Any liability under CERCLA exists irrespective of whether a site is listed. It has been determined that this action is not a "significant regulatory action" under the terms of Executive Order 12866 and is therefore not subject to OMB review.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act

1. What Is the Paperwork Reduction Act?

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information that requires OMB approval under the PRA, unless it has been approved by

OMB and displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations, after initial display in the preamble of the final rules, are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

2. Does the Paperwork Reduction Act Apply to This Final Rule?

This action does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* EPA has determined that the PRA does not apply because this rule does not contain any information collection requirements that require approval of the OMB.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

1. What Is the Regulatory Flexibility Act?

Pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) of 1996) whenever an agency is required to publish a notice of rulemaking for any proposed or final rule, it must prepare and make available for public comment a regulatory flexibility analysis that describes the effect of the rule on small entities (*i.e.*, small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions). However, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required if the head of an agency certifies the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. SBREFA amended the Regulatory Flexibility Act to require Federal agencies to provide a statement of the factual basis for certifying that a

rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

2. How Has EPA Complied With the Regulatory Flexibility Act?

This rule listing sites on the NPL does not impose any obligations on any group, including small entities. This rule also does not establish standards or requirements that any small entity must meet, and imposes no direct costs on any small entity. Whether an entity, small or otherwise, is liable for response costs for a release of hazardous substances depends on whether that entity is liable under CERCLA 107(a). Any such liability exists regardless of whether the site is listed on the NPL through this rulemaking. Thus, this rule does not impose any requirements on any small entities. For the foregoing reasons, I certify that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

1. What Is the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA)?

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA), Public Law 104-4, establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on State, local, and tribal governments and the private sector. Under section 202 of the UMRA, EPA generally must prepare a written statement, including a cost-benefit analysis, for proposed and final rules with “Federal mandates” that may result in expenditures by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year. Before EPA promulgates a rule where a written statement is needed, section 205 of the UMRA generally requires EPA to identify and consider a reasonable number of regulatory alternatives and adopt the least costly, most cost-effective, or least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule. The provisions of section 205 do not apply when they are inconsistent with applicable law. Moreover, section 205 allows EPA to adopt an alternative other than the least costly, most cost-effective, or least burdensome alternative if the Administrator publishes with the final rule an explanation why that alternative was not adopted. Before EPA establishes any regulatory requirements that may significantly or uniquely affect small governments, including tribal governments, it must have developed under section 203 of the UMRA a small government agency plan. The plan must

provide for notifying potentially affected small governments, enabling officials of affected small governments to have meaningful and timely input in the development of EPA regulatory proposals with significant Federal intergovernmental mandates, and informing, educating, and advising small governments on compliance with the regulatory requirements.

2. Does UMRA Apply to This Final Rule?

This final rule does not contain a Federal mandate that may result in expenditures of \$100 million or more for State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or the private sector in any one year. Listing a site on the NPL does not itself impose any costs. Listing does not mean that EPA necessarily will undertake remedial action. Nor does listing require any action by a private party or determine liability for response costs. Costs that arise out of site responses result from site-specific decisions regarding what actions to take, not directly from the act of placing a site on the NPL. Thus, this rule is not subject to the requirements of section 202 and 205 of UMRA.

This rule is also not subject to the requirements of section 203 of UMRA because it contains no regulatory requirements that might significantly or uniquely affect small governments. As is mentioned above, site listing does not impose any costs and would not require any action of a small government.

E. Executive Order 13132: Federalism

1. What Is Executive Order 13132

Executive Order 13132, entitled “Federalism” (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999), requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure “meaningful and timely input by State and local officials in the development of regulatory policies that have federalism implications.” “Policies that have federalism implications” is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have “substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.”

2. Is Executive Order 13132 Applicable to This Final Rule?

This final rule does not have federalism implications. It will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various

levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132, because it does not contain any requirements applicable to States or other levels of government. Thus, the requirements of the Executive Order do not apply to this final rule.

EPA believes, however, that this final rule may be of significant interest to State governments. In the spirit of Executive Order 13132, and consistent with EPA policy to promote communications between EPA and State and local governments, EPA therefore consulted with State officials and/or representatives of State governments early in the process of developing the rule to permit them to have meaningful and timely input into its development. All sites included in this final rule were referred to EPA by States for listing. For all sites in this rule, EPA received letters of support either from the Governor or a State official who was delegated the authority by the Governor to speak on their behalf regarding NPL listing decisions.

F. Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

1. What Is Executive Order 13175?

Executive Order 13175, entitled “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments” (65 FR 67249, November 6, 2000), requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure “meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications.” “Policies that have tribal implications” is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have “substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal government and the Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal government and Indian tribes.”

2. Does Executive Order 13175 Apply to This Final Rule?

This final rule does not have tribal implications, as specified in Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000). Listing a site on the NPL does not impose any costs on a tribe or require a tribe to take remedial action. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this final rule.

G. Executive Order 13045: Protection of Children From Environmental Health and Safety Risks

1. What Is Executive Order 13045?

Executive Order 13045: “Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks” (62 FR 19885,

April 23, 1997) applies to any rule that: (1) Is determined to be “economically significant” as defined under Executive Order 12866, and (2) concerns an environmental health or safety risk that EPA has reason to believe may have a disproportionate effect on children. If the regulatory action meets both criteria, the Agency must evaluate the environmental health or safety effects of the planned rule on children, and explain why the planned regulation is preferable to other potentially effective and reasonably feasible alternatives considered by the Agency.

2. Does Executive Order 13045 Apply to This Final Rule?

This rule is not subject to Executive Order 13045 because it is not an economically significant rule as defined by Executive Order 12866, and because the Agency does not have reason to believe the environmental health or safety risks addressed by this section present a disproportionate risk to children.

H. Executive Order 13211: Actions That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Usage

Is This Rule Subject to Executive Order 13211?

This action is not a “significant energy action” as defined in Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355 (May 22, 2001)), because it is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. Further, we have concluded that this rule is not likely to have any adverse energy impacts because proposing a site to the NPL does not require an entity to conduct any action that would require energy use, let alone that which would significantly affect energy supply, distribution, or usage. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this action.

I. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act

1. What Is the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act?

Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (NTTAA), Public Law 104–113, section 12(d) (15 U.S.C. 272 note), directs EPA to use voluntary consensus standards in its regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures, and business practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards

bodies. The NTTAA directs EPA to provide Congress, through OMB, explanations when the Agency decides not to use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards.

2. Does the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act Apply to This Final Rule?

No. This rulemaking does not involve technical standards. Therefore, EPA did not consider the use of any voluntary consensus standards.

J. Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations

1. What Is Executive Order 12898?

Executive Order (EO) 12898 (59 FR 7629 (Feb. 16, 1994)) establishes federal executive policy on environmental justice. Its main provision directs federal agencies, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, to make environmental justice part of their mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States.

2. Does Executive Order 12898 Apply to This Rule?

EPA has determined that this final rule will not have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority or low-income populations because it does not affect the level of protection provided to human health or the environment. As this rule does not impose any enforceable duty upon State, tribal or local governments, this rule will neither increase nor decrease environmental protection.

K. Congressional Review Act

1. Has EPA Submitted This Rule to Congress and the Government Accountability Office?

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, that includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA has submitted a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in

the **Federal Register**. A “major rule” cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This rule is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

2. Could the Effective Date of This Final Rule Change?

Provisions of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) or section 305 of CERCLA may alter the effective date of this regulation.

Under the CRA, 5 U.S.C. 801(a), before a rule can take effect the Federal agency promulgating the rule must submit a report to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General. This report must contain a copy of the rule, a concise general statement relating to the rule (including whether it is a major rule), a copy of the cost-benefit analysis of the rule (if any), the agency’s actions relevant to provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (affecting small businesses) and the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (describing unfunded federal requirements imposed on State and local governments and the private sector), and any other relevant information or requirements and any relevant Executive Orders.

EPA has submitted a report under the CRA for this rule. The rule will take effect, as provided by law, within 30 days of publication of this document, since it is not a major rule. Section 804(2) defines a major rule as any rule that the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) finds has resulted in or is likely to result in: an annual effect on the economy of \$100,000,000 or more; a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic and export markets. NPL listing is not a major rule because, as explained above, the listing, itself, imposes no monetary costs on any person. It establishes no enforceable duties, does not establish that EPA necessarily will undertake remedial action, nor does it require any action by any party or determine its liability for site response costs. Costs that arise out of site responses result from site-by-site decisions about what actions to take, not directly from the act of listing itself. Section 801(a)(3) provides for a delay in the effective date

of major rules after this report is submitted.

3. What Could Cause a Change in the Effective Date of This Rule?

Under 5 U.S.C. 801(b)(1) a rule shall not take effect, or continue in effect, if Congress enacts (and the President signs) a joint resolution of disapproval, described under section 802.

Another statutory provision that may affect this rule is CERCLA section 305, which provides for a legislative veto of regulations promulgated under CERCLA. Although *INS v. Chadha*, 462 U.S. 919, 103 S. Ct. 2764 (1983) and *Bd. of Regents of the University of Washington v. EPA*, 86 F.3d 1214, 1222 (DC Cir. 1996) cast the validity of the legislative veto into question, EPA has transmitted a copy of this regulation to

the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

If action by Congress under either the CRA or CERCLA section 305 calls the effective date of this regulation into question, EPA will publish a document of clarification in the **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 300

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Hazardous waste, Intergovernmental relations, Natural resources, Oil pollution, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Dated: September 14, 2009.

Mathy Stanislaus,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

■ 40 CFR part 300 is amended as follows:

PART 300—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for part 300 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(2); 42 U.S.C. 9601–9657; E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193.

■ 2. Table 1 of Appendix B to part 300 is amended by adding the following sites in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Appendix B to Part 300—National Priorities List

TABLE 1—GENERAL SUPERFUND SECTION

| State | Site name | City/county | Notes ^a |
|-------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|
| CA | B.F. Goodrich | Rialto.. | * |
| IN | Lane Street Ground Water Contamination | Elkhart.. | * |
| MO | Southwest Jefferson County Mining | Jefferson County.. | * |
| MT | Flat Creek IMM | Superior.. | * |
| NC | Ore Knob Mine | Ashe County.. | * |
| NC | GMH Electronics | Roxboro.. | * |
| NJ | Curtis Specialty Papers, Inc | Milford.. | * |
| OH | Little Scioto River | Marion County.. | * |
| PA | Salford Quarry | Lower Salford Township.. | * |
| PR | Papelera Puertorriquena, Inc | Utuaado.. | * |
| WI | Amcast Industrial Corporation | Cedarburg. | * |

^a A = Based on issuance of health advisory by Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (HRS score need not be > 28.50).

C = Sites on Construction Completion list.

S = State top priority (HRS score need not be > 28.50)

P = Sites with partial deletion(s).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Part 52****Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Solicitation Provisions and Contract
Clauses***CFR Correction*

In Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1 (Parts 52 to 99), revised as of October 1, 2008, on page 123, in section 52.219-9, in the clause, move paragraph (d)(2)(vi), which precedes paragraph (d)(2)(v), to follow paragraph (d)(2)(v); remove the second paragraph (d)(2)(vi); and reinstate paragraph (d)(2)(iv) to read as follows:

52.219-9 Small business subcontracting plan.

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(iv) Total dollars planned to be subcontracted to service-disabled veteran-owned small business;

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**48 CFR Part 909****Acquisition Regulation; Contractor
Qualifications***CFR Correction*

In Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapters 7 to 14, revised as of October 1, 2008, on page 300, reinstate section 909.405 to read as follows:

**909.405 Effect of listing. (DOE coverage—
paragraph (e), (f), (g) and (h))**

(e) The Department of Energy may not solicit offers from, award contracts to or consent to subcontract with contractors debarred, suspended or proposed for debarment unless the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Assistance Management makes a written determination justifying that there is a compelling reason for such action in accordance with FAR 9.405(a).

(f) DOE may disapprove or not consent to the selection (by a contractor) of an individual to serve as a principal investigator, as a project manager, in a position of responsibility for the administration of Federal funds, or in another key personnel position, if the individual is on the GSA List.

(g) DOE shall not conduct business with an agent or representative of a contractor if the agent's or representative's name appears on the GSA List.

(h) DOE shall review the GSA List before conducting a preaward survey or soliciting proposals, awarding contracts, renewing or otherwise extending the duration of existing contracts, or approving or consenting to the award, extension, or renewal of subcontracts.

[61 FR 39857, July 31, 1996; 61 FR 41684, Aug. 9, 1996]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration****50 CFR Part 660**

[Docket No.0812171612-9134-02]

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**Fisheries Off West Coast States;
Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries;
Closure**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific sardine off the coasts of Washington, Oregon and California. This action is necessary because the directed harvest allocation total for the third seasonal period (September 15–December 31) is projected to be reached by the effective date of the rule. From the effective date of this rule until December 31, 2009, Pacific sardine can only be harvested as part of the live bait fishery or incidental to other fisheries; the incidental harvest of Pacific sardine is limited to 20-percent by weight of all fish per trip. Fishing vessels must be at shore and in the process of offloading at 12:01 am Pacific Daylight Time on date of closure.

DATES: Effective 12:01 am Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) September 23, 2009, through December 31, 2009

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joshua Lindsay, Southwest Region, NMFS, (562) 980-4034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document announces that based on the best available information recently obtained from the fishery and information on past effort, the directed fishing harvest allocation for the third allocation period (September 15 - December 31) will be reached and therefore directed fishing for Pacific sardine is being closed until December 31, 2009. Fishing vessels must be at shore and in the process of offloading at the time of closure. From 12:01 am on the date of closure until December 31, 2009, Pacific sardine may be harvested only incidental to other fisheries, with the incidental harvest of Pacific sardine limited to 20-percent by weight of all fish caught during a trip.

NMFS manages the Pacific sardine fishery in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off the Pacific coast (California, Oregon, and Washington) in accordance with the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Annual specifications published in the **Federal Register** establish the harvest guideline (HG) and allowable harvest levels for each Pacific sardine fishing season (January 1 - December 31). If during any of the seasonal allocation periods the applicable adjusted directed harvest allocation is projected to be taken, only incidental harvest is allowed and, for the remainder of the period, any incidental Pacific sardine landings will be counted against that period's incidental set aside. In the event that an incidental set-aside is projected to be attained, all fisheries will be closed to the retention of Pacific sardine for the remainder of the period via appropriate rulemaking.

Under 50 CFR 660.509 if the total HG or these apportionment levels for Pacific sardine are reached at any time, NMFS is required to close the Pacific sardine fishery via appropriate rulemaking and it is to remain closed until it re-opens either per the allocation scheme or the beginning of the next fishing season. In accordance with § 660.509 the Regional Administrator shall publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the date of the closure of the directed fishery for Pacific sardine.

The above in-season harvest restrictions are not intended to affect the prosecution the live bait portion of the Pacific sardine fishery.

Classification

This action is required by 50 CFR 660.509 and is exempt from Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866.