

Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 5, 1996 (61 FR 15251).

Final EISs

ERP No. F-FHW-K40204-CA River Street Widening in Santa Cruz, Improvements from Water Street to Highway 1, Funding and Right-of-Way Grant, Santa Cruz County, CA.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-GSA-K81023-NV Las Vegas Federal Building—United States Courthouse Site Selection and Construction, Central Business District, City of Las Vegas, Clark County, NV.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-MMS-A02239-00 Gulf of Mexico and Offshore Alaska Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program 1997 to 2002 for 16 Lease Sales on Five-Year Leasing Program.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS/Regulation has been completed and the project found to be satisfactory. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Regulations

ERP No. R-ACH-A99211-00 36 CFR Part 800 Protection of Historic Properties, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Summary: Review of the proposed rule has been completed. The action was found to be beneficial in that it emphasizes coordinating its review requirements with those of the National Environmental Policy Act. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: November 12, 1996.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division Office of Federal Activities.

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[FRL-5651-8]

Notice of Data Availability on the Hazardous Waste Characteristics Scoping Study

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of a report entitled "Hazardous Waste Characteristics Scoping Study." This report was prepared by the Agency under a May 17, 1996 consent agreement with the Environmental Defense Fund to investigate if there are gaps in coverage in the existing hazardous waste characteristics under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as well as the nature and extent of such gaps. The study presents EPA's methodology for identifying potential gaps, as well as the results of the analyses conducted. The Scoping Study is a final product; however, EPA will accept information relevant to the findings of the Scoping Study to be considered in follow-on activities.

DATES: Copies of EPA's Hazardous Waste Characteristics Scoping Study will be available from the RCRA Information Center (RIC) after November 15, 1996. Electronic access via the internet will be available after November 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-96-ERDA-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address listed below. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail through the Internet to: rcradocket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-96-ERDA-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Commenters should not submit electronically and confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

The Hazardous Waste Characteristics Scoping Study and any public comments are available for viewing in the RIC, located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling 703-603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any docket at no

charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page. For information on accessing paper and/or electronic copies of the document, see the "Supplementary Information" section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons needing further information regarding this notice should contact Tamara M. Irvin, Office of Solid Waste, 5304W, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (703)-308-9907; e-mail: irvin.tamara@epamail.epa.gov. General questions about the regulatory requirements under RCRA should be directed to the RCRA Hotline, Office of Solid Waste, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St. SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: toll-free at 800-424-9346, TDD: 800-553-7672, or locally at 703-412-9810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Section 3001, EPA is charged with defining which solid wastes are hazardous by identifying the characteristics of hazardous waste and listing particular hazardous wastes. The current hazardous waste characteristics are ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, and toxicity. As stated above, EPA entered into a consent decree with the Environmental Defense Fund to conduct a study investigating if there are potential gaps in these characteristics, as well as the nature and extent of such gaps.

For a paper copy of the Hazardous Waste Characteristics Scoping Study please contract the RIC at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The study is also available in electronic format on the internet. Follow these instructions to access the study.

WWW: <http://www.epa.gov>
Gopher: gopher.epa.gov/epaoswer
Dial-up: 919 558-0335

If you are using the gopher or direct dial-up; once you are connected to the EPA Public Access Server, look for the report in the following directory: EPA Offices and Regions/Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)/Office of Solid Waste (RCRA)/Hazardous Waste Identification.

FTP: [ftp.epa.gov](ftp://ftp.epa.gov)
Login: anonymous
Password: your Internet address
Files are located in/pub/gopher/OSWRCRA.

The official record for this action will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is

the paper record maintained at the location described in **ADDRESSES** above.

Dated: November 8, 1996.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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Proposed Administrative Settlement Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; in re: Industri-Plex Superfund Site; Woburn, MA

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed prospective purchaser agreement and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to enter into a prospective purchaser agreement to address claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* Notice is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. The settlement is intended to resolve the liability under CERCLA of Massachusetts Port Authority, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Massachusetts Highway Department of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for injunctive relief or for costs incurred or to be incurred by EPA in conducting response actions at the Industri-Plex Superfund Site in Woburn, Massachusetts.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before December 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode RCG, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, and should refer to: Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue Re: Regional Transportation Center, Industri-Plex Superfund Site, Woburn, Massachusetts, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-I-96-1047.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel H. Winograd, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, J.F.K. Federal Building, Mailcode RCT, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 565-3686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Comprehensive

Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, notice is hereby given of a proposed prospective purchaser agreement concerning the Industri-Plex Superfund Site in Woburn, MA. The settlement was approved by EPA Region I, subject to review by the public pursuant to this Notice. Massachusetts Port Authority, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Massachusetts Highway Department of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have executed signature pages committing them to participate in the settlement. Under the proposed settlement, Massachusetts Port Authority, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, and Massachusetts Highway Department of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction will construct and operate a regional transportation center that will improve air quality by reducing private automobile traffic otherwise destined for Logan Airport and the City of Boston. In addition, all of the settling parties agree to abide by institutional controls and to provide access to the property. EPA believes the settlement is fair and in the public interest.

EPA is entering into this agreement under the authority of CERCLA Section 101 *et seq.* which provides EPA with authority to consider, compromise, and settle a claim under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA for costs incurred by the United States if the claim has not been referred to the U.S. Department of Justice for further action. The U.S. Department of Justice will have approved this settlement in writing prior to the agreement becoming effective. EPA will receive written comments relating to this settlement for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

A copy of the proposed administrative settlement may be obtained in person or by mail from Daniel H. Winograd, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode RCT, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 565-3686.

The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection with the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode RCG, Boston, Massachusetts (U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-I-96-1047).

Dated: November 1, 1996.

John DeVillars,

Regional Administrator.

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Proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit and Reporting Requirements for the Final Beneficial Reuse or Disposal of Municipal Sewage Sludge

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Pursuant to section 405(f)(1) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) EPA is proposing a General Permit to treatment works treating domestic sewage (TWTDS), including publicly owned treatment works (POTWs), in the State of Louisiana. Notice is for the draft general permit for the land application, surface disposal, and disposal in a municipal solid waste landfill (MSWLF) of sewage sludge generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works.

SUMMARY: The CWA states that all permits issued under section 402 include requirements for the use and disposal of sludge that implement the regulations established (40 CFR Part 503 and 40 CFR Part 258) pursuant to section 405(d) of the CWA.

The State of Louisiana was authorized to implement the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program on August 27, 1996. It is not applying for authorization to implement the sewage sludge program. The Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits issued to wastewater treatment facilities will not provide permit coverage for disposal of sewage sludge. EPA is proposing this permit to assure sewage sludge is beneficially reused or disposed in accordance with regulations to protect human health and the environment. The 40 CFR Part 503 Standards found in 58 FR 9248, 9404 consist of general requirements, pollutant limits, management practices, and operational standards, for the final use or disposal of sewage sludge generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works. Reuse or disposal methods addressed in the general permit include sewage sludge applied to the land, placed on a surface disposal site, and disposed in a municipal solid waste landfill. This notice requests comments on the general permit.

DATES: Comments on the proposed permit must be received on or before