

response. 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.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Businesses and other for profit organizations; State, local and tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 868,527

Frequency of Response: one per year
Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 2,963,209 hours

Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden: \$82,626,000

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1352.04 and OMB Control No. 2050-0072 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 12, 1996

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.

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[FRL-5668-1]

Acid Rain Program: Draft Permit Modification

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of draft permit modification.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing for comment a draft modification to the sulfur dioxide (SO₂) compliance plan of a previously issued final Phase I Acid Rain Permit in accordance with the Acid Rain Program regulations (40 CFR part 72).

DATES: Comments on the draft modification must be received no later than January 21, 1997 or the date of publication of a similar notice in a local newspaper, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: *Administrative Records.* The administrative record for the permit, except information protected as confidential, may be viewed during normal operating hours at EPA Region 3, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA, 19107.

Comments. Send comments, requests for public hearings, and requests to receive notice of future actions to Thomas Maslany, Division Director, Air, Radiation and Toxics Division, EPA Region 3, (address above). Submit comments in duplicate and identify the permit to which the comments apply, the commenter's name, address, and telephone number, and the commenter's interest in the matter and affiliation, if any, to the owners and operators of all units in the plan. All timely comments will be considered, except those pertaining to standard provisions under 40 CFR 72.9 or issues not relevant to the permit.

Hearings. To request a public hearing, state the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. EPA may schedule a hearing if EPA finds that it will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues affecting an SO₂ compliance plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Call Linda Miller, (215) 566-2068.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title IV of the Clean Air Act directs EPA to establish the Acid Rain Program to reduce the adverse environmental and public health effects of acidic deposition. Under the program, each affected unit at an electric utility generating plant must hold one allowance for each ton of SO₂ that is emitted during the year, and each plant must have a permit with a plan for complying. In today's action, EPA is issuing, for public comment, a draft modification to an existing permit, allocating SO₂ emission allowances and approving an SO₂ compliance plan, to the following utility plant:

Martins Creek in Pennsylvania: one substitution plan for 1996-1999, in which units 1 and 2 designate units 3 and 4 as substitution units; 12,553 substitution allowances are allocated

unit 3 for each year 1996-1999, and 11,548 substitution allowances are allocated to unit 4 for each year 1996-1999. The designated representative for Martins Creek is Robert J. Shovlin.

Dated: December 12, 1996.

Brian J. McLean,

Director, Acid Rain Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, Office of Air and Radiation.

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Proposed Settlement Pursuant to Sections 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of a proposed administrative settlement and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region II, announces a proposed administrative settlement pursuant to Section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1), relating to the Quanta Resources Syracuse Superfund Site ("Site"). The Site is located at 2802-2810 Lodi Street, Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York. This notice is being published pursuant to Section 122(i) of CERCLA to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. EPA will consider any comments received during the comment period and may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement if comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The proposed administrative settlement has been memorialized in an Administrative Settlement Agreement between EPA and sixty-three settling parties ("Respondents"). The administrative settlement will become effective after the close of the public comment period, unless comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the agreement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate, and EPA, in accordance with Section 122(i)(3) of CERCLA, modifies or withdraws its consent to this Agreement. The administrative settlement memorializes an agreement made in conjunction with a

concurrently-executed Administrative Order on Consent pursuant to Section 106(a) of CERCLA, obligating Respondents to perform certain response actions at the Site. Pursuant to CERCLA Section 122(h)(1), the administrative settlement may not be issued without the prior written approval of the Attorney General or her designee. In accordance with that requirement, the Attorney General or her designee has approved the proposed administrative settlement in writing.

EPA intends to settle with other potentially responsible parties concerning reimbursement of EPA's remaining response costs.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before January 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, 17th Floor, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007 and should refer to: "Quanta Resources Syracuse Superfund Site, U.S. EPA Index No. II-CERCLA-96-0216". For a copy of the settlement document, contact the individual listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie M. Yu, Assistant Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 17th Floor, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007. Telephone: (212) 637-3178.

Dated: December 5, 1996.

William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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Agreement and Covenant Not To Sue Pursuant to Sections 9601-9675 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative agreement and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region II, announces a proposed administrative settlement under CERCLA for a

"prospective purchaser" relating to a portion of the former Marathon Battery Company Superfund Site ("Site"). The Site is located in the Village of Cold Spring, Putnam County, New York City, New York. This notice is being published pursuant to Section 122(i) of CERCLA to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. EPA will consider any comments received during the comment period, which begins on December 20, 1996 and concludes on January 19, 1997, and may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement if comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

The proposed administrative settlement has been memorialized in an Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue ("Agreement") between EPA and Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. ("Respondent"). The Agreement will become effective after the close of the public comment period, unless comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the Agreement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate, and EPA, in accordance with Section 122(i)(3) of CERCLA, modifies or withdraws its consent to the Agreement.

Under the Agreement, the United States covenants not to sue or take any other civil or administrative action against Respondent for any and all civil liability, for injunctive relief or reimbursement of response costs pursuant to Sections 106 or 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 or 9607(a) with respect to existing contamination, below EPA's action levels, present on or under the property in East Foundry Cove and East Foundry Cove Marsh as of the effective date of the Agreement. In return, the Respondent has agreed to accept a deed restriction which permits access for monitoring and maintenance and protects the EPA-approved remedy.

Pursuant to EPA guidance, the Agreement may not be issued without the written approval of the Attorney General or her designee. In accordance with that guidance, the Attorney General or her designee has approved the proposed Agreement in writing.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before January 21, 1997.

ADDRESS: Comments should be addressed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, 17th Floor, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007 and should refer to: "Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue Scenic Hudson

Land Trust, Incorporated, U.S. EPA Index No. II-CERCLA-97-0202". For a copy of the settlement document, contact the individual listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Kolenberg, Assistant Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 17th Floor, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007. Telephone: (212) 637-3167.

Dated: December 13, 1996.

William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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Proposed Settlement Pursuant to Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative settlement and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region II, announces a proposed administrative settlement pursuant to Section 122(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h), relating to the Muratti Environmental Superfund Site ("Site"). The Site is located in the town of Penuelas, Tallaboa Ward, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. This notice is being published pursuant to Section 122(i) of CERCLA to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. EPA will consider any comments received during the comment period and may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement if comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The proposed administrative settlement has been memorialized in an Administrative Order on Consent ("Order") between EPA and ROHO Investment, Inc. (the "Respondent"). This Order will become effective after the close of the public comment period, unless, comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that this Agreement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate, and EPA, in accordance with Section 122(i)(3) of CERCLA, modifies or