

B. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes 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 docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

- i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.
- vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.
- viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0291. Publicly available docket materials are available either in the electronic docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Regulatory Public Docket in Rm. S-4400, One Potomac Yard (South Building), 2777 S.

Crystal Drive Arlington, VA. The hours of operation of this Docket Facility are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The Docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>.

II. What Guidance Does this PRN Provide?

This draft PRN provides guidance to the registrant concerning the policies described in the August 2, 2002 **Federal Register** (67 FR 50578) Notice on "*Proposed Federal Actions to Update Field Test Requirements for Biotechnology Derived Plants and to Establish Early Food Safety Assessments for New Proteins Produced by Such Plants*" issued under the auspices of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). The OSTP notice was issued to outline what measures federal agencies would take to prevent low levels of biotechnology derived genes and gene products from being found in commercial food and feed. The OSTP notice stated that EPA would rely on existing processes and publish guidance for individuals and organizations conducting field testing of Plant-Incorporated Protectants (PIPs). The proposed PRN describes those existing rules along with the existing procedures related to them. Additionally, the PRN provides guidance on residue containment in small-scale field testing and the kinds of information that EPA has received to support the PIP tolerances issued thus far.

No actions are required of registrants or other individuals involved in small scale field testing of PIPs as a result of this PRN. The PRN provides guidance and helps explain the existing rules and regulations pertinent to this topic and provides a point of contact for those wishing to discuss the issue or ask questions related to specific test parameters. The PRN is also intended to reinforce coordination of EPA regulatory efforts related to biotechnology products with those of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), as outlined under the Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of the Products of Biotechnology.

III. Do PRNs Contain Binding Requirements?

The PRN discussed in this document is intended to provide guidance to EPA

personnel and decision makers and to pesticide registrants. While the requirements in the statutes and Agency regulations are binding on EPA and the applicants, this PRN is not binding on either EPA or pesticide registrants, and EPA may depart from the guidance where circumstances warrant and without prior notice. Likewise, pesticide registrants may assert that the guidance is not appropriate generally or not applicable to a specific pesticide or situation.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: September 22, 2006.

James Jones,

Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Agreement for Recovery of Allocated Past Costs, and Covenant Not to Sue for the Richardson Flat Tailing Site, Park City, UT

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of section 122(i)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i)(1), notice is hereby given of the proposed settlement under section 122(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h), between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the following (collectively, "Settling Defendants"): United Park City Mines, Atlantic Richfield Company, Falconbridge Limited, and Noranda Mining Inc.

The proposed settlement would reimburse EPA for costs incurred in response to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Richardson Flat Tailings Site located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Park City, Utah (the "Site"). EPA alleges that each of the Settling Defendants is jointly and severally liable for all response costs incurred by EPA at or in connection with the Site, pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a).

The EPA's response costs total approximately \$607,294.89 through November 30, 2001. The Settling Defendants have agreed to pay \$460,000, with the allocation to each party described in a proposed Consent Decree and Partial Consent Decree. All subsequent costs incurred have been paid pursuant to Administrative Orders on Consent with United Park City Mines.

Under the proposed settlement, the Settling Defendants have agreed not to contest the authority of the United States to enter into the settlement or to implement or enforce its terms. In return, and upon payment of the amounts agreed upon, the Settling Defendants will receive a covenant from EPA not to sue them for additional past response costs at the Site.

DATES: For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this Notice, the EPA will receive written comments relating to the past costs allocated settlement agreement for the Site. The EPA will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the agreement if comments received disclose facts or considerations that indicate that the agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

ADDRESSES: The EPA's response to any comments, the proposed agreement and additional background information relating to the agreement is available for public inspection at the EPA Superfund Record Center, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, 5th Floor, in Denver, Colorado. Comments and requests for copies of the proposed Consent Decree and Partial Consent Decree should be addressed to Maureen O'Reilly, Enforcement Specialist, Environmental Protection Agency—Region 8, Mail Code 8ENF—RC, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202–2466, and should reference the Richardson Flat Tailings Site, Park City, Utah.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret J. ("Peggy") Livingston, Enforcement Attorney, Legal Enforcement Program, Environmental Protection Agency—Region 8, Mail Code 8ENF—L, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202–2466, (303) 312–6858.

Dated: September 19, 2006.

Carol Rushin,

Assistant Regional Administrator Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than October 26, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Douglas A. Banks, Vice President) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *Park National Corporation*, Newark, Ohio; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Anderson Bank Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *AFNB Holdings, Inc.*, Houston, Texas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of American First National Bank, Houston, Texas.

2. *Highlands Bancshares, Inc.*, Dallas, Texas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First Jacksboro Bancshares, Inc., Jacksboro, Texas, and

thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of First Jacksboro Bancshares of Delaware, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, and The First National Bank of Jacksboro, Jacksboro, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 26, 2006.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

[Document Identifier: OS–0937–0025; 60-day notice]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension.

Title of Information Collection: Application for Appointment as a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and Reference Request for Applicants to the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

Form/OMB No.: 0937–0025.

Use: The purpose of this collection is to enable individuals to obtain forms and apply for an appointment in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and to obtain references as part of the application process. Information supplied on the forms will be used by appropriate Department officials to evaluate candidates for appointment.