

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 300**

[FRL-5848-7]

**National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan National Priorities List**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to delete a portion of the Para-Chem Southern Inc., Superfund Site from the National Priorities List (NPL).

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Region 4, announces its intent to delete a portion of the Para-Chem Southern Inc., Superfund Site from the National Priorities List (NPL), which is codified at Appendix B of 40 CFR Part 300, the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), and requests public comment on this proposed action. EPA is pursuing a partial deletion for the Para-Chem Superfund Site based on a policy change intended to support economic redevelopment for Superfund sites (Reference 1). This partial deletion will be media specific for a portion of the soils delineated in the attached map (Reference 2). The groundwater within these same areas remain listed and is currently undergoing remedial action. EPA and the State of South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control have determined that this portion of the soils poses no significant threat to public health or the environment and therefore, CERCLA remedial measures are not appropriate.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by July 30, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Terry Tanner, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth St., SW, Atlanta, GA, 30303.

Comprehensive information on this Site is available through the EPA Region 4 public docket, which is located at EPA's Region 4 office and is available for viewing by appointment from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Requests for appointments or copies of the background information from the regional public docket should be directed to the EPA Region 4 docket office.

The address for the regional docket office is Mrs. Debbie Jourdan, US EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth St., SW, Atlanta, GA, 30303. The telephone number is 404-562-8862.

Background information from the regional public docket is also available for viewing at the Site information repository located at the Fountain Inn Branch Library, 400 North Main Street, Fountain Inn, SC, 803-862-2576.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact either Terry Tanner or Cynthia Peurifoy at 1-800-435-9233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Introduction**

This document is to announce EPA's intent to delete a portion of the Para-Chem Southern Inc. Site from the NPL. It also serves to request public comments on the deletion proposal.

EPA identifies sites that appear to present a significant risk to public health, welfare, or environment and maintains the NPL as the list of these sites. Sites on the NPL qualify for remedial responses financed by the Hazardous Substances Response Trust Fund (Fund). As described in § 300.425 (e)(3) of the NCP, sites deleted from the NPL remain eligible for Fund-financed remedial actions in the unlikely event that conditions at the site warrant such actions. EPA accepts comments on the proposal to delete a site from the NPL for thirty days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**.

**II. NPL Deletion Criteria**

The NCP establishes the criteria that EPA uses to delete sites from the NPL. In accordance with § 300.425(e) of the NCP, sites may be deleted from the NPL where no further response is appropriate. In making this determination, EPA, in consultation with the State, considers whether the site has met any of the following criteria for site deletion:

- (i) Responsible or other parties have implemented all appropriate response actions required;
- (ii) All appropriate response actions under CERCLA have been implemented and no further response actions are deemed necessary; or
- (iii) The remedial investigation has determined that the release poses no significant threat to public health or the environment and, therefore, no remedial action is appropriate.

**III. Deletion Procedures**

EPA Region 4 will accept and evaluate public comments before making a final decision to delete. Comments from the local community may be the most pertinent to deletion decisions. The following procedures were used for the intended deletion of a portion of the Para-Chem Southern Inc., Site:

(1) EPA Region 4 has recommended this partial deletion and has prepared the relevant documents.

(2) The State has concurred with the decision to delete a portion of the Para-Chem Southern Inc., Site.

(3) Concurrent with this announcement, a notice has been published in the local newspaper and has been distributed to appropriate federal, state, and local officials announcing the commencement of a 30-day public comment period on the Notice of Intent to Delete.

(4) EPA has made all relevant documents available for public review at the information repository and in the Regional Office.

Partial deletion of a site from the NPL does not itself create, alter, or revoke any individual's rights or obligations. The NPL is designed primarily for information purposes and to assist EPA management. As mentioned earlier, § 300.425(e)(30) of the NCP states that deletion of a site from the NPL does not preclude eligibility of the site for future Fund-financed response actions.

For the deletion of this site, EPA will accept and evaluate public comments on this Notice of Intent to Delete before finalizing the decision. The Agency will prepare a Responsiveness Summary to address any significant public comments received during the comment period. The deletion is finalized after the Regional Administrator places a Notice of Deletion in the **Federal Register**.

The NPL will reflect any deletions in the next publication of the final rule. Public notices and copies of the Responsiveness Summary will be made available to local residents by Region 4.

**IV. Basis for Intended Para-Chem Southern Inc. Partial Deletion**

The following Site summary provides the Agency's rationale for the proposed intent for partial deletion of this Site from the NPL.

The Para-Chem Southern, Inc. site (Site) is located in Greenville County, South Carolina, between Simpsonville and Fountain Inn and consists of a manufacturing plant located upon approximately 100 acres. This site is owned and operated by Para-Chem Southern, Inc. (Para-Chem) and is used to produce acrylic polymers, thickeners, latex coatings, and adhesives for a variety of consumer and industrial applications. The plant has been in operation since 1965 and currently employs approximately 150 people.

The specific areas associated with this partial delisting have been the subject of several previous investigations (Reference 2). The majority of the

investigatory and remedial actions taken within the area targeted for partial delisting was performed under a Consent Order issued by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (Reference 3).

Four former disposal areas were identified as a result of the investigatory work performed under the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control Consent Order. Because the soils targeted for partial delisting only encompass one of the former disposal areas, disposal area No. 1, the remainder of this report will focus on the activities associated with this disposal area. The three remaining disposal areas and corresponding soils will be addressed in a future Close Out Report once all activities have been completed for this site.

Operating under a Buried Drum Removal Plan (Reference 4) approved by DHEC, Para-Chem performed removal and disposal activities for former disposal area No. 1 in May and June of 1987. A total of 686 tons of drums, waste, and contaminated soils were excavated, classified as a hazardous waste by characteristic, and shipped to the GSX landfill. Removal activities are presented in the Documentation for Waste Removal Report (Reference 5). On June 15, 1987, RMT submitted both analytical results for conformational soil sampling and a proposal for additional excavation of soils to SC DHEC (Reference 6). On June 18, 1987, SC DHEC granted approval of the June 15, 1987 proposal (Reference 7). The additional excavation and backfilling of the excavated area with adjacent fill was completed on June 18, 1987.

The former disposal area No. 1 was also the subject of an expanded investigation under an AOC issued by EPA. Two of the objectives for this AOC were to determine whether any additional areas within the vicinity of former disposal area No. 1 were acting as a continual source of groundwater contamination and to confirm the effectiveness of the previous waste removal efforts.

As part of the Remedial Investigation supporting EPA's AOC the disposal area No. 1 was subjected to a soil gas screening procedure for VOCs. Levels measured at these four stations did not exceed background levels. The soil gas screening results were further supported by conformational sampling using CLP methodologies. Additional subsurface soil samples (HA-6, HA-7) were taken specifically from the immediate area surrounding former disposal area No. 1 and analyzed for TCL, TAL and tetrahydrofuran. Copper and lead were detected at concentrations above background levels but did not pose a

health risk. No organic contaminants were detected at any concentration above the Contract Required Detection Limits (Reference 8, pg 3-9).

On September 27, 1993, a Record of Decision (ROD) was issued for this Site. The ROD did target specific areas for soil and groundwater remediation, however, no soil remediation was required within the areas targeted for this partial deletion.

Additional sampling in support of this partial delisting petition was outlined in a letter dated May 30, 1996, titled Delisting Petition and Plan for Sampling. Sampling results were submitted in a July 19, 1996, report titled Delisting Assessment Results. With the exception of acetone in samples DA01-01A (62 ug/kg) and DA01-04 (39 ug/kg), no volatile organic compounds were present above the laboratory detection limits. The acetone concentrations present within these two samples were well below the site performance standard of 4,687,000 ug/kg (Reference 9).

The removal activities of contaminated soil within the areas targeted for partial delisting at the Para-Chem Southern Inc. are considered a permanent remedy. No additional treatment of soils within these areas will be necessary. As such no operation and maintenance activities are necessary for the soils targeted for this partial delisting. Because no hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain in the soils within the areas targeted for partial delisting, no Five Year Review will be performed on these areas.

EPA in concurrence of the State of South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, has determined that all appropriate Fund-financed responses under CERCLA for the soils within the areas targeted for this partial deletion have been completed, and that no further activities by responsible parties are appropriate. Therefore, EPA proposes to delete this area from the NPL.

Dated: March 28, 1997.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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5. Documentation Report for Waste Removal, Para-Chem Southern, Inc., December 1987.
6. Buried Drum Removal Project correspondence, RMT Inc., to Gil Trentanove, SC DHEC, June 15, 1987.
7. South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, buried drum removal project correspondence, June 18, 1987.
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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

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#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, Notice of Third Reopening of Public Comment Period on Proposed Rule to List 10 Plants From the Foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains as Threatened or Endangered

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule, notice of third reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), provides notice of third reopening of the comment period on the proposed endangered status for *Brodiaea pallida* (Chinese Camp brodiaea), *Calyptidium pulchellum* (Mariposa pussypaws), *Lupinus citrinus* var. *deflexus* (Mariposa lupine) and *Mimulus shevockii* (Kelso Creek monkeyflower) and proposed threatened status for *Allium tuolumense* (Rawhide Hill onion), *Carpenteria californica* (carpenteria), *Clarkia springvillensis* (Springville clarkia), *Fritillaria striata* (striped adobe lily), *Navarretia setiloba* (Piute Mountains navarretia), and *Verbena californica* (California vervain). On December 29, 1994, the comment period was reopened and extended until February 13, 1995 (59 FR 67268) to accommodate the public hearing that was requested. Due to requests for additional time, the comment period was extended until June 4, 1995 (60 FR 8342). To acquire new and updated information that may have become available in the last 2 years, the Service reopened the comment period for a