

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Fuel Economy Retrofit Devices; Announcement of Fuel Economy Retrofit Device Evaluation for Vehicle Exhaust Emission Control Device (VEECD) (Now Known as EVEC™)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of fuel economy retrofit device evaluation.

SUMMARY: This document announces the completion of EPA evaluation of Vehicle Exhaust Emission Control Device (VEECD) under provision of Section 32918 of Title 49 U.S.C. This notice also announces EPA's findings, conclusions, and the availability of the report.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Henry Johnson, Vehicle Programs and Compliance Division, Office of Mobile Sources, Environmental Protection Agency, 2565 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, Telephone: (313) 741-7893.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Section 32918 of Title 49 U.S.C. requires that:

(b)(1) "Upon application of any manufacturer of a retrofit device (or prototype thereof), upon the request of the Federal Trade Commission pursuant to subsection (a), or upon her own motion, the EPA Administrator shall evaluate, in accordance with rules prescribed under subsection (d), any retrofit device to determine whether the retrofit device increases fuel economy and to determine whether the representations (if any) made with respect to such retrofit devices are accurate."

(c) "The EPA Administrator shall publish in the **Federal Register** a summary of the results of all tests conducted under this section, together with the EPA Administrator's conclusions as to—

(1) The effect of any retrofit device on fuel economy;

(2) The effect of any such device on emissions of air pollutants; and

(3) Any other information which the Administrator determines to be relevant in evaluating such device."

EPA published final regulations establishing procedures for conducting evaluations of fuel economy retrofit devices on March 23, 1979 (44 FR 17968). These regulations were later amended May 1, 1984 (49 FR 18486) to

explicitly include fuel additives within the definition of a retrofit device and to improve administration. They were also amended May 3, 1984 (49 FR 18837) to clarify that the manufacturer of the device must pay the cost of any EPA testing.

II. Origin of Request for Evaluation, Device Descriptions, and Report Identification

On January 17, 1997, EPA received an application from Hawtal Whiting Environmental Ltd. requesting evaluation of the VEECD as a hydrocarbon (HC) and carbon monoxide (CO) emission reduction device. The VEECD is an air bleed retrofit device which is fitted to the vacuum brake line and acts to optimize the air/fuel mixture during idle and deceleration. The device is intended to be fitted to vehicles produced without any or with earlier technology emission control systems. It is not compatible with newer complex engine management systems or closed loop three-way catalyst systems. It is claimed to significantly reduce HC and CO without substantially increasing CO₂ or NO_x emissions. In addition, incidental city fuel economy enhancement was claimed. The report, "Emissions and Fuel Economy Effects of Vehicle Emission Control Device" (Report Number EPA-VPCD-32918-RD-97-1), contains the test data, analysis, conclusions and consists of 52 pages including Appendices.

III. Availability of Evaluation Report

Copies of this report may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service by using the above report number. Address requests to: National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22161, Telephone (703) 487-4650.

Dated: September 25, 1997.

Richard D. Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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Proposed Administrative Settlements Under Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; In Re: Brockton Gas Works I Superfund Site, Brockton MA; Brockton Gas Works II Superfund Site, Brockton, MA; and Taunton Gas/Rogers Ave. Superfund Site, Taunton, MA

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed cost recovery agreements and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to enter into three separate cost recovery settlement agreements to address claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* This document is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlements and of the opportunity to comment. The settlements are intended to resolve liability under CERCLA of the Bay State Gas Company for costs incurred by EPA in initiating and overseeing removal actions at the following three Superfund Sites: Brockton Gas Works I in Brockton, Massachusetts; Brockton Gas Works II in Brockton, Massachusetts; and Taunton Gas/Rogers Ave. in Taunton, Massachusetts.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before November 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode RCH, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, and should refer to: The Agreement for Payment of Response Costs Re: (a) Brockton Gas Works I Superfund Site, Brockton, Massachusetts, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-I-97-1076; (b) Brockton Gas Works II Superfund Site, Brockton, Massachusetts, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-I-97-1077; or (c) Taunton Gas/Rogers Ave. Superfund Site, Taunton, Massachusetts, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-I-97-1078.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Hennessy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, J.F.K. Federal Building, Mailcode HBR, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 573-5701.

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 three proposed cost recovery settlement agreements under section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA concerning the following three Superfund Sites: (a) Brockton Gas Works I in Brockton, Massachusetts; (b) Brockton Gas Works II in Brockton, Massachusetts, and (c) Taunton Gas/Rogers Ave. in Taunton, Massachusetts. EPA Region I approved the settlements, subject to review by the public pursuant to this document. The Bay State Gas Company of Westborough, Massachusetts, has executed signature pages for each settlement, committing the company to participate in the settlements. Under each of the proposed settlements, the Bay State Gas Company will pay money to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund to reimburse EPA for response costs that EPA incurred while initiating and overseeing removal actions at the three Sites. Bay State Gas Company will pay \$230,710 to reimburse EPA for response costs at the Brockton Gas Works I Site, \$169,582 to reimburse EPA for response costs at the Brockton Gas Works II Site, and \$154,708 to reimburse EPA for response costs at the Rogers Ave. Site. EPA believes the settlements are fair and in the public interest.

EPA is entering into these agreements under the authority of CERCLA section 122(h)(1) which provides EPA with authority to consider, compromise, and settle a claim under section 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. EPA has not sought U.S. Department of Justice approval of these settlements because the response costs do not exceed \$500,000 for any one Site. EPA will receive written comments relating to these settlements for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this document.

A copy of the proposed administrative settlement may be obtained in person or by mail from Catherine S. Smith, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, JFK Federal Building, Mailcode SES, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 565-4873.

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 RCH, Boston, Massachusetts (U.S. EPA Docket Numbers CERCLA-I-97-1076, CERCLA-I-97-1077, or CERCLA-I-97-1078.

Dated: September 25, 1997.

Harley F. Laing,

Director, Office of Site Remediation and Restoration.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice of Meeting; Postponement

AGENCY: Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of meeting; postponement.

SUMMARY: The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is postponing a public meeting it had previously scheduled for October 3, 1997, to discuss development of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on coordinating environmental response actions with natural resource restoration under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and other laws. 62 FR 48657 (Sept. 16, 1997). In response to numerous requests, CEQ is rescheduling the meeting for December 2, 1997. The meeting will be an opportunity for members of the public to offer suggestions on the scope and content of the MOU and discuss their suggestions with the members of the federal interagency task force developing the MOU. If you are interested in making an oral presentation at the meeting, you must submit a written request and summary of your comments by October 29, 1997, so that CEQ can prepare an appropriate agenda and structure the presentations. If you have suggestions but do not wish to make an oral presentation, you may simply provide written comments, so long as CEQ receives them by October 29, 1997.

MEETING TIME AND PLACE: The meeting will be held on December 2, 1997, from 10:00 to 4:00 in the Truman Room of the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, Washington, D.C.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Send written comments in duplicate to Mary Morton, CEQ, Room 360, Old Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Morton at (202) 395-5750.

Bradley M. Campbell,

Associate Director.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 90-571]

Notice of Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) Applications for State Certification Accepted

September 26, 1997.

Notice is hereby given that the states listed below have applied to the Commission for State Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Certification. Current state certifications expire July 25, 1998. Applications for certification, covering the five year period of July 26, 1998 to July 25, 2003, must demonstrate that the state TRS program complies with the Commission's rules for the provision of TRS, pursuant to Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 47 U.S.C. § 225. These rules are codified at 47 CFR §§ 64.601-605.

Copies of applications for certification are available for public inspection at the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau, Network Services Division, Room 235, 2000 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:30 PM) and the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., daily, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Interested persons may file comments with respect to those applications on or before November 14, 1997. Comments should reference the relevant state file number of the state application that is being commented upon. One original and five copies of all comments must be sent to William F. Caton, Acting Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Two copies also should be sent to the Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 2000 M Street, N.W., Room 235, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Applicants for State Certification

- File No. TRS-97-03, Applicant: Alabama Public Service Commission, State of Alabama
 File No. TRS-97-04, Applicant: Michigan Public Service Commission, State of Michigan
 File No. TRS-97-05, Applicant: Oregon Public Utility Commission, State of Oregon
 File No. TRS-97-06, Applicant: Georgia Public Service Commission, State of Georgia

For further information, contact Al McCloud, (202) 418-2499, amcloud@fcc.gov, or Andy Firth, (202) 418-2224 (TTY), afirth@fcc.gov, at the Network Services Division, Common