

to determine compliance with such requirements as site-specific accounting data, authorizing signature and reconciliation of timesheets to expense reports.

(2) Financial Reports: review financial drawdowns, Financial Status Reports, and internal status reports, to determine if information is consistent between these documents, if recipient is properly using information, and if the reports are submitted when required.

(3) Record Keeping Procedures: review samples of Superfund documentation to determine the effectiveness of the recipient procedures to manage and reconcile this documentation (focusing on site-specific documentation, retention schedules, and the ability of the recipient to provide EPA with required financial documentation for cost recovery purposes in the specified time frame).

In providing this support, Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc., employees may have access to recipient documents which potentially include financial documents submitted under section 104 of CERCLA, some of which may contain information claimed or determined to be CBI.

Pursuant to EPA regulations at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, EPA has determined that Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc., requires access to CBI to provide the support and services required under the Delivery Order. These regulations provide for five working days notification before contractors are given access to CBI.

Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc. will be required by contract to protect confidential information. These documents are maintained in recipient office and file space.

Dated: July 7, 1998.

Thomas Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6124-9]

Investigator-Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This document provides information on the availability of fiscal years 1998 and 1999 investigator-initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules

are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research area within the solicitation and are listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703R), 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncercqa> under "announcements."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Futures: Detecting the Early Signals; (2) Airborne Particulate Matter Centers; (3) Endocrine Disruptors (in cooperation with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Department of the Interior, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy); and (4) Children's Vulnerability to Toxic Substances in the Environment. Applications must be received as follows: August 31, 1998, for topic (1); October 28, 1998, for topic (2); September 16, 1998, for topic (3); and September 30, 1998, for topic (4).

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

Contact persons for the Futures RFA are Roger Cortesi (cortesi.roger@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6852, and Robert Menzer (menzer.robert@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6849. Contact person for the Airborne Particulate Matter Centers RFA is Deran Pashayan (pashayan.deran@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6913. Contact persons for the Endocrine Disruptors RFA are EPA: David Reese (reese.david@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6919, and Robert Menzer; NIEHS: Gwen Collman (collman@niehs.nih.gov), telephone 919-541-4980, and Jerry Heindel (heindel_j@niehs.nih.gov), telephone 919-541-0781; DOI: Michael Mac (michael_mac@usgs.gov), telephone 703-648-4073; and NOAA: Teri Rowles (teri.rowles@noaa.gov), telephone 301-713-2322. Contact person for the Children's Vulnerability RFA is Chris

Saint (saint.chris@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6909.

Dated: June 30, 1998.

Deborah Y. Dietrich,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6125-2]

Announcement of a Joint Application Design Meeting on the Development of Public Access Component of the National Contaminant Occurrence Database

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of a Joint Application Design (JAD) meeting on the development of public access component of the National Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled a two-day public meeting on EPA's development of public access component of the NCOD. The focus of this meeting will be to capture the design and user interface requirements of NCOD users in the public arena. The meeting will be open to any interested parties. EPA encourages the full participation of stakeholders throughout this process. Of particular interest for this meeting are potential NCOD users from educational institutions, state and local governments, the general public, and anyone that does not have access to the EPA Local Area Network (LAN). Providing the information within the NCOD to the public in a readily accessible format is required by the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

DATES: The stakeholder meeting on the Joint Application Design of the public access component of the NCOD will be held on August 17-18, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: U.S. EPA Washington Information Center (WIC), 400 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460, Conference Room WIC 4 South.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about the meeting, please contact Ms. Valerie Love-Smith, U.S. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Mail Code 4606, 400 M Street SW, Washington, DC 2046, (202) 260-5596.

For other information on National Contaminant Occurrence Database,

please contact Charles Job, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Phone: 202-260-7084, Fax: 202-260-3762.

Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by August 10, 1998 at 1-800-426-4791. Those registered for the meeting will receive background materials prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background on the National Contaminant Occurrence Database

The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (SDWA Amendments, section 126, appendix A) require establishing a NCOD to: (1) Include both regulated and unregulated contaminants; (2) identify contaminants that may be placed on the Contaminant Candidate List; (3) support the Administrator's determinations to regulate contaminants in the future; (4) support the review of existing regulations every six years and of monitoring requirements; (5) make the data base available to the public in readily accessible form; and (6) be assembled by August 1999, and maintained thereafter.

The NCOD is planned to be a collection of data of documented quality on unregulated and regulated chemical, radiological, microbial, and physical contaminants, and other such contaminants likely to occur, in finished, raw and source waters of public water systems (PWS) of the United States and its territories.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

The upcoming meeting deals specifically with EPA's efforts to develop the user interface tools to provide information within the NCOD to the general public. The EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) sees the involvement of interested parties, representing a variety of perspectives and expertise, as critical to meeting the requirement established in the 1996 SDWA amendments. Specifically, the amendments stipulate the information within the NCOD will be provided to the public in a readily accessible format. This JAD meeting will provide an important opportunity for such involvement. Some anticipated issues for discussion include the following questions:

1. Should the NCOD provide data currently available in other EPA water data systems (e.g., SDWIS, STORET)? Should the NCOD provide products to the public, in addition to the products and queries used to satisfy the internal primary drinking water program goals of

the NCOD (e.g., establish and maintain Contaminant Candidate List (CCL); determination to regulate or not regulate future contaminants; review existing regulations; etc.)?

2. What is a "readily accessible format"? Is INTERNET access enough? What type of non-electronic format is needed?

3. What capabilities are needed by the public: download query results, graphs, charts, tabular results?

4. What, if any, restrictions should be placed on the amount of data a user could electronically download? Should someone be able to download one hundred megabytes of data on a 14400 modem?

5. If electronic access time is restricted, as indicated above, how could data be provided (file type and media) for public use?

EPA has convened this public meeting to hear the views of stakeholders on the development of the public access component of the NCOD. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above or other related issues during the August 17-18, 1998 meeting.

Dated: July 10, 1998.

Elizabeth Fellows,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6125-4]

Interstate Lead Company Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed de minimis settlement and modification of consent decree.

SUMMARY: Under section 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed to settle claims for response costs at the Interstate Lead Company (ILCO) Superfund Site located in Leeds, Alabama with the City of Leeds. EPA will consider public comment on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

DATES: Written comments may be submitted to Mrs. Kim Dao-Vu at the

below address on or before August 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

A copy of the proposed settlement is available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303, 404/562-8887.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In addition, the EPA intends to request the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama to modify the Consent Decree relating to the ILCO Superfund Site entered in *U.S. v. Alpert Iron & Metal, et al*, Case No. CV-97-AR-0001 to add the following parties as Defendants in such matter:

Baker Iron & Metal Company, Inc.
Crown/Battery Mfg. Co. Inc.
D.H. Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc.
Daniell Battery Manufacturing Company, Inc.
Shredders, Inc.
Southern Foundry Supply, Inc.
Southern Scrap Company, Inc.
Taracorp, Inc.

EPA will consider public comment on the proposed modification for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from the proposed modification should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. A copy of the Consent Decree is available from Ms. Paula V. Batchelor at above mentioned address. Written comments may be submitted to Mrs. Kim Dao-Vu at the above address within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: June 29, 1998.

Franklin E. Hill,

Chief, Programs Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6125-3]

Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Allied Waste Systems, Inc. and Prestige Foods Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice of De Minimis Settlement: In accordance with section 122(l)(1) of the Comprehensive