

wanted to ensure that any adopted measures were consistent with public health values and priorities. Therefore, the Agency is initiating a rodenticide stakeholder process to develop a risk mitigation strategy to protect young children from rodenticide products while preserving the public health benefits of these products. The stakeholder process will consist of one or more meetings that will be open to the public. A core group of individuals or representatives from organizations will serve on a panel to discuss and analyze several mitigation proposals, ultimately concluding with recommendations to the Agency on how to further mitigate risks to young children from rodenticide poisonings. Panel members will represent a broad cross-section of the public and will be expected to attend all of the stakeholder meetings.

The first of the stakeholder meetings is expected to be held sometime in November or December 1998, in Washington, DC. The Agency is hopeful that 2-3 separate full-day panel meetings will be sufficient to resolve these issues, however, it recognizes that several more meetings may be warranted. EPA will announce the dates and times of the meetings in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice. The stakeholder process will also discuss issues that may pertain to other rodenticide products, such as those which contain warafin, red squill, difethialone, cholecalciferol/Vitamin D-3, difethialone, and possibly registrations of new rodenticide active ingredients. Anyone interested in these products may also attend. The Agency welcomes proposals for mitigation techniques and invites anyone who might be interested in serving on the panel to please contact Susan Jennings or Dennis Deziel at the addresses or phone numbers under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT within 30 days of the date of this notice.

IV. Reviewing Wildlife Incident Data

The Agency recently became aware of incident data suggesting that there may be a potential problem involving accidental non-target and secondary exposures to wildlife from the rodenticides subject to this notice of availability. At this time, the Agency is reviewing available data; no final conclusions have been reached. After a complete review, if a problem or pattern is detected, the Agency may impose additional restrictions on the use of any rodenticide products involved. The Agency is directed by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to coordinate its actions

with states. In this vein, the Agency will be reviewing, and would be interested in receiving, State wildlife incident data for all rodenticides to better understand the extent of this potential problem.

V. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this notice, as well as the public version, has been established for this notice under docket control number (OPP-00551) (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located at the Virginia address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
opp-docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comment and data will also be accepted on disks in Wordperfect 5.1/6.1 file formats or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number (OPP-00551). Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: September 3, 1998.

Jack E. Housenger,

Acting Director, Special Review and Reregistration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6159-7]

Ulah Battery Lead Reclaiming Site; Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to settle claims with Sears, Roebuck and Co., pursuant to a Cost Recovery Agreement

for reimbursement of \$20,000 of costs under section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(h). These costs related to removal actions taken by EPA at the Ulah Battery Lead Reclaiming Site, located in Asheboro, Randolph County, North Carolina. Sears, Roebuck and Co., has agreed to pay \$20,000.00 of the \$120,616.88 spent by EPA, for past response costs that the United States incurred and paid with regard to the Site. The United States retains all right to pursue any other potentially responsible parties (PRPs) for all unreimbursed costs related to the removal actions at the Site.

Pursuant to section 122(i) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement if such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Bachelor, Waste Management Division, U.S. EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104, 404/562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Bachelor within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of publication.

Dated: August 21, 1998.

Franklin E. Hill,

Chief, Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6158-9]

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits for Discharges From Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of reopening of the public comment period for proposed NPDES general permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Region 6 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to reopen, during a specified period of time, the comment period for the proposed reissuance of the EPA Region 6 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general

permits for concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas and all Indian Country Lands within these States.

DATES: EPA Region 6 will be accepting additional comments on the proposed CAFO general permits until October 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and suggestions should be mailed to Ms. Wilma Turner (6WQ-CA), EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the proposed permits or to request a complete copy of the entire fact sheet and the draft permits, please contact Ms. Wilma Turner at the above address or by telephone at (214) 665-7516. The draft permits may be obtained from the following website address: www.epa.gov/region6/6wq/npdes/genpermt.htm

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Region 6 of the EPA publicly announced on June 26, 1998, in the **Federal Register** (see 63 FR 34874) the proposed reissuance of the EPA Region 6, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits for concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) in New Mexico (Permit Nos. NMG800000 and NMG810000); Oklahoma (Permit Nos. OKG800000 and OKG810000); and Texas (Permit Nos. TXG800000 and TXG810000) and all Indian Country Lands within these States. EPA requested the general public to submit written comments on the proposed permits to EPA Region 6 during the public comment period ending on August 25, 1998. However, EPA has received numerous requests both during public hearings on the proposed permits and by mail to extend the August 25, 1998, deadline for commenting on the proposed permits. After considering these comments, EPA has decided to extend the comment period from August 25, 1998, to October 12, 1998. Therefore, the comment period for these general permits has been reopened and EPA Region 6 will be accepting additional comments on the proposed CAFO general permits until October 12, 1998.

The public may comment on any aspects of the proposed permits. However, EPA is particularly requesting comments on the following issues:

1. Should the general permit coverage be limited to some maximum number of animal units? If so, what should this maximum number be?
2. Should the 303(d) list be used to establish stream segments impaired due to nutrients? If not, what specific criteria should be utilized?

3. Should all nutrient-impaired watersheds be included in the impaired watershed permit or only those specifically identified as related to CAFO activities?

4. The applicability of the proposed permits to pollutants from poultry operations that spread litter (manure) to land in a non-agronomic manner.

5. The definition of agricultural (agronomic) uses of manure based upon nitrogen and phosphorus application rates.

6. The appropriate rates of manure application in impaired and nonimpaired watersheds when the manure is applied at rates that exceed agronomic rates.

William B. Hathaway,

Director, Water Quality Protection Division, Region 6.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573: Export Container Lines, Inc., 601 Dune Drive, Avalon, NJ 08202, Officer: Belinda E. Richardson.

Dated: September 4, 1998.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than September 28, 1998.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, P.O. Box 291, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Herbert A. Lund and Ralph H. Peterson as trustees for the Herbert A. Lund Revocable Trust*, Albert Lea, Minnesota; to acquire voting shares of Lake Bank Shares, Inc., Albert Lea, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Security Bank Minnesota, Albert Lea, Minnesota, and First State Bank of Emmons, Emmons, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 8, 1998.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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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. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking