

the Bureau of Reclamation, the Corps of Engineers, and the International Boundary and Water Commission. Created in 1977, Western markets on a wholesale basis and transmits Federal hydroelectric power throughout a 1.3 million square mile service territory to more than 600 customers. Customers include rural electric cooperatives, municipal utilities, public utility districts, Federal and State agencies, irrigation districts, and Native American tribes. Western's power customers, in turn, provide service to millions of consumers in 15 western States. Western has four customer service regions: Sierra Nevada, Desert Southwest, Upper Great Plains, and Rocky Mountain, as well as the Colorado River Storage Project Management Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Sierra Nevada Regional Office is located in Folsom, California, and carries out Western's mission to customers in northern and central California. This Notice of Intent addresses only the voltage support needs for the Sacramento, California area.

Growth in the greater Sacramento area continues to increase the demand on the area's interconnected transmission system. This situation is reducing the reliability and security of the power system, particularly during summer peak periods. The majority of the Sacramento area's energy needs are imported over a limited transmission system that has reached, and occasionally exceeds, its maximum rated transfer limits. Western's CVP transmission system forms an integral part of the Sacramento area transmission grid.

In order to maintain the reliability and stability of the system, the Western Systems Coordinating Council has established minimum operating standards. When the standards cannot be met and the system is in danger of transmission system or area capacity shortages, system instability, or voltage collapse, the California Independent System Operator (Cal-ISO) declares staged emergencies. Stage 1 of the State's Electrical Emergency Plan is initiated to advise the public of potential power shortages and to ask all customers to voluntarily conserve electricity to ensure there will be enough power to meet demand. When a Stage 2 Emergency is declared, supply is decreased to large commercial customers that have agreed to voluntarily curtail power during high demand days. A Stage 3 Emergency initiates involuntary curtailment of service to customers, including "rotating blackouts."

Historically, eight Stage 1 Emergencies and four Stage 2 Emergencies were declared within the Cal-ISO-controlled area in 1998, but no Stage 3 Emergency notices were issued. In 1999, the numbers dropped somewhat with three Stage 1 Emergencies and one Stage 2 Emergency declared. However, as of July 25, 2000, eleven Stage 1 Emergency notices have been issued and five Stage 2 Emergencies have been declared.

Cal-ISO forecasts of insufficient power generation in the event of a "hot" summer this year could mean that the reliability of future electrical service is in further jeopardy. The forecast peak load for this year exceeds the sum of the resources for the area and identifies a power deficit of 1,110 megawatts. This deficit would reduce operating reserves to below minimum required levels. In order to meet the demand and ensure electrical service reliability, additional generation and additional transmission in the area is needed.

Area utilities have taken interim measures, such as load shedding, to manage peak power demands and avoid uncontrolled, systemwide outages. Load shedding is the process of deliberately removing pre-selected electric energy from a power system in order to maintain the reliability of the system under unusual conditions. As the usage increases within the Sacramento area, these interim measures will not be sufficient to prevent wide-scale power interruptions.

Western proposes to prepare an EIS to address Western's actions concerning the future voltage requirements of the Sacramento area. The EIS will describe the projected near-term voltage support requirements for a 100-mile radius around Sacramento, existing transmission lines bringing power into the Sacramento area, and the potential for new transmission lines and/or system upgrades in the Sacramento area to alleviate the current shortfall in electrical service.

The EIS will be prepared following the requirements of the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementing Regulations (40 CFR part 1500-1508). The EIS will analyze the effects of constructing and operating all components of the project. The No Action Alternative will also be analyzed in the EIS. The EIS will address other alternatives within categories. The categories identified include: upgrade of existing transmission systems and facilities, new power generation, new transmission systems (including transmission responses to possible new power generation by others), demand-side management (e.g., non-firm load

and load shedding), and distributed generation (e.g., solar, micro-turbines, fuel cells). The EIS will examine the potential impact to a number of resource areas including: terrestrial and aquatic environments, threatened and endangered species, cultural and historic resources, visual resources, recreation, socioeconomics, air resources, noise, geology and soils, water, and land use, in addition to any issues raised during the scoping process. Western intends to allow full public participation, disclosure, and coordination, and will encourage involvement from appropriate Federal, State, local, and tribal government agencies during the EIS process. The EIS process will include public information/scoping meetings (September 2000), public review of the Draft EIS (July 2001), a public hearing on the Draft EIS (August 2001), distribution of the Final EIS (April 2002), and Western's Record of Decision (June 2002).

Dated: July 31, 2000.

Michael S. HacsKaylo,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6847-7]

Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; In the Matter of Old World Trade Center Superfund Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice of Settlement: in accordance with Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given of a settlement concerning past response costs at the Old World Trade Center Superfund Site in Detroit, Michigan. This proposed agreement has been approved by the Attorney General, as required by Section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before September 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Karen L. Peaceman, Assistant Regional Counsel, Mail Code C-14J, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604, and should

refer to: In the Matter of Old World Trade Center Superfund Site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen L. Peaceman, Mail Code C-14J, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-5751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following parties executed binding certification of their consent to participate in the settlement: 5900 Associates, L.L.C. and Peter Adamo.

The settling parties will pay \$100,000 for response costs related to the Old World Trade Center Superfund Site, if the United States Environmental Protection Agency determines that it will not withdraw or withhold its consent to the proposed settlement after consideration of comments submitted pursuant to this notice.

U.S. EPA may enter into this settlement under the authority of Section 122(h) of CERCLA. Section 122(h)(1) authorizes EPA to settle any claims under Section 107 of CERCLA where such claim has not been referred to the Department of Justice. Pursuant to this authority, the agreement proposes to settle with parties who are potentially responsible for costs incurred by EPA at the Old World Trade Center Superfund Site.

A copy of the proposed administrative order on consent and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for review and may be obtained in person or by mail from Karen L. Peaceman, Mail Code C-14J, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will receive written comments relating to this settlement for thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Authority: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*

William E. Munro,

Director, Superfund Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PB-402404-IN; FRL-6593-2]

Lead-Based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities; State of Indiana Authorization Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On April 12, 2000, the State of Indiana submitted an application for EPA approval to administer and enforce training and certification requirements, training program accreditation requirements, and work practice standards for lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This notice announces the receipt of Indiana's application, provides a 45-day public comment period, and provides an opportunity to request a public hearing on the application. Indiana has provided a certification that its program meets the requirements for approval of a State program under section 404 of TSCA. Therefore, pursuant to section 404, the program is deemed authorized as of the date of submission. If EPA finds that the program does not meet the requirements for approval of a State program, EPA will disapprove the program, at which time a notice will be issued in the **Federal Register** and the Federal program will take effect in Indiana.

DATES: Comments, identified by docket control number PB-402404-IN, must be received on or before September 22, 2000. In addition, a public hearing request may be submitted on or before September 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and the public hearing request may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number PB-402404-IN in the subject line on the first page of your response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ludmilla Koralewska, State of Indiana Project Officer, Pesticides and Toxics Branch, (DT-8J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604; telephone: (312) 886-3577; e-mail address: koralewska.ludmilla@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to firms and individuals engaged in lead-based paint activities in Indiana. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this

action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Additional Information, Including Copies of this Document or Other Related Documents?

1. *Electronically.* You may obtain electronic copies of this document, and certain other related documents that might be available electronically, from the EPA Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Laws and Regulations" and then look up the entry for this document under the "**Federal Register**—Environmental Documents." You can also go directly to the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>.

2. *In person.* The Agency has established an official record for this action under docket control number PB-402404-IN. The official record consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, this notice, the State of Indiana's authorization application, any public comments received during an applicable comment period, and other information related to this action, including any information claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI). This official record includes the documents that are physically located in the docket, as well as the documents that are referenced in those documents. The public version of the official record does not include any information claimed as CBI. The public version of the official record, which includes printed, paper versions of any electronic comments submitted during an applicable comment period, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket is located at the U.S. EPA Region V Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Waste, Pesticides and Toxics Division, Pesticides and Toxics Branch, Toxics Program Section, (DT-8J), 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments and Hearing Requests?

You may submit comments and hearing requests through the mail, in person, or electronically. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is imperative that you identify docket control number PB-402404-IN in the subject line on the first page of your response.

1. *By mail.* Submit your comments and hearing requests to: Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, Waste, Pesticides and Toxics Division,