

DATES: The estimated date for release of the Draft EIS is Fall, 2005. EPA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register** stating where the Draft EIS will be available for review, the date of Public Hearing on the Draft EIS and a deadline for submission of written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, TO SUBMIT SCOPING COMMENTS, OR TO BE PLACED ON THE EIS MAILING LIST, CONTACT: Ms. Jeanene Peckham, U.S. EPA, Water Quality Protection Division Field Office, 707 Florida Blvd, Suite B-21, Baton Rouge, LA, 70801. Telephone: 225-389-0736; or e-mail:

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Responsible Official: Richard E. Greene, Regional Administrator.

Dated: March 17, 2004.

Anne Norton Miller,

Director, OFA.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7638-4]

Proposed CERCLA Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement; Amber Oil Site, Milwaukee, WI

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement which includes compromise of past response costs incurred in connection with the Amber Oil site in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with the following settling parties: Ametek, Inc.; Arvin Meritor, Inc.; A-C Compressor, Corp.; Besly Products Corporation; Carlson Tool and Manufacturing Corp.; Charter Wire Div of Charter Manufacturing; Detroit Edge Tool Co.; Eco-Tech of Milwaukee, Inc.; Elenco Carbide Tool Corporation; Emerson Electric Co.; EOG Environmental, Inc.; Everbrite, LLC; The Falk Corporation; Graco Inc.; General Portable Products LLC (Briggs & Stratton Power Products LLC); Hafemeister Machine Corp.; Helgesen Industries; Ingersoll Equipment Co. Inc.; International Paper; International Truck and Engine Corporation; INX International Ink Co.; J&L Fiber Services, Inc.; Karl Schmidt Unisia, Inc.;

Kettle Moraine Coatings, Inc.; Kingsbury, Inc.; Madison Kipp Corp; Manitowoc; Manitowoc Tool & Manufacturing; Menasha Corporation; Mercury Marine; The Metal Ware Corporation; Miller Brewing Company; Neenah Foundry Company; Nordco; Oshkosh Marine Supply Company; Oshkosh Truck Corporation; Peterson Industries LLC; Pierce Manufacturing Inc.; Precision Gears, Inc.; Regal-Beloit Corporation; Rietschle Thomas; Rollex Corporation; Rollmeister, Inc.; Seats, Inc.; Simplicity Manufacturing, Inc.; Sta-Rite Industries, Inc.; Stroh Die Casting Co., Inc.; Triangle Tool Corporation; Tulip Corporation; Union Pacific Railroad; Valleycast, Inc.; Vilter Manufacturing Corporation; The Vollrath Co., LLC; Waukesha Electric Systems, Inc.; and Weasler Engineering Inc. The settlement requires the settling parties to perform a removal action at the site estimated to cost approximately \$900,000, and reimburse U.S. EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund for \$15,000 of U.S. EPA's costs incurred before March 31, 2003, its costs incurred since April 1, 2003 to the signing of the consent order, and the cost of U.S. EPA to oversee the clean-up by the fifty-five settling parties. Past costs (U.S. EPA costs incurred prior to April 1, 2003) in the amount of \$155,591 are being compromised in consideration of the settling parties' commitment to perform the removal and pay the costs described above. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling parties pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The U.S. EPA's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the site record repository in the West Allis Public Library, 7421 West Nation Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and at the U.S. EPA Record Center, Room 714, U.S. EPA, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

DATES: Comments must be submitted to U.S. EPA on or before April 22, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at the U.S. EPA Record Center, Room 714, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from U.S. EPA Record Center, Room 714, U.S.

EPA, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois or by calling tel. # (312)-353-5821. Comments should reference the Amber Oil site in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and EPA Docket No. V-W-'04-C-780 and should be addressed to Mr. Jerome Kujawa, U.S. EPA Office of Regional Counsel (C-14J), 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jerome Kujawa, U.S. EPA Office of Regional Counsel (C-14J) at 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604 or at tel. # (312)-886-6731.

Dated: February 27, 2004.

Richard C. Karl,

Acting Director, Superfund Division, Region 5, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Workshop on Biosecurity

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth an announcement of a public workshop on Laboratory Biosecurity: A Culture of Responsibility, and describes the purpose of the workshop.

Dates, Address and Time: April 12, 2004, Bethesda, Maryland. The meeting will be held in Room E1/E2 of the Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892 from 1 p.m. to approximately 4 p.m.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Who Should Attend: This workshop is relevant to all biological laboratory settings, from research to clinical laboratories, including laboratories which are not involved in work with select agents.

Public Comments: The purpose of this workshop is to solicit comments on the successes and challenges associated with implementing biosecurity procedures and protocols. The outcome of the discussion may help identify good practices and help guide recommendations. Of particular interest is public comment on the following issues:

- What information should be contained in a BMBL chapter on biosecurity in order to provide sufficient guidance to assess biosecurity risk and develop a risk-management plan?
- What do you need in the way of outreach to facilitate putting a biosecurity program in place?
- Does your facility feel confident to implement risk management decisions?

- What, in your institution, is the best way to conduct biosecurity training and what should it consist of?

- What is the role for Institutional Biosafety Committees in biosecurity at your facility?

- To what extent has the cost of implementing biosecurity procedures had an impact on your facility/institution? Do existing facilities make retrofitting to accommodate biosecurity difficult? Have you found alternative methods to achieve compliance?

- What personnel requirements are applied toward biosecurity at your facility? Are these measures appropriate for small institutions? Do you have suggestions for compliance guidance in this area?

- Can you provide examples of how low cost measures have been put in place that have precluded the need for "high-tech" solutions? An example might be a protocol for assuring personnel reliability, instead of mounting and monitoring cameras.)

- How best can biosecurity measures be instituted in clinical microbiological labs so as to avoid interfering with patient care?

- What have been the positive impacts of biosecurity implementation in your institution?

- What have been the negative impacts of biosecurity implementation in your institution?

- If you represent a company that has not yet incorporated biosecurity as part of its overall business plan, how difficult would it be to do so, and how would it impact business planning and intellectual property protection?

The public comment time is designed for substantive commentary on the successes and challenges of biosecurity implementation at laboratory facilities. Please submit a request for the opportunity to make an oral public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. The time for oral public comments will be limited to no more than 5 minutes per person. Written comments are also welcome and will be distributed at the meeting if provided electronically at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting. Please submit your request to make an oral comment or copy of written comments to: Rachel E. Levinson, OSTP, at levinson@ostp.eop.gov, or fax your request/comments to (202) 456-6027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, please call (202) 456-6130, prior to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2004. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The publication entitled, "Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories," better known as the BMBL, is a publication of the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that outlines recommended safety practices for research and clinical laboratories and research animal facilities. It describes the combinations of standard and special microbiological practices, safety equipment, and facilities constituting Biosafety Levels 1-4, which are recommended for work with a variety of infectious agents in various laboratory settings. The recommendations in the BMBL are advisory. They are intended to provide a voluntary guide or code of practice as well as goals for upgrading operations. They also are offered as a guide and reference in the construction of new laboratory facilities and in the renovation of existing facilities.

The most current version, the Fourth Edition, was published in May 1999. The 4th edition of the BMBL was the first edition to address laboratory security concerns. Appendix F of the BMBL was updated in December 2002 to provide assistance to facility managers with meeting the Select Agent regulatory mandate of 42 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 73. These guidelines are intended for laboratories where select agents are used. Appendix F (Dec. 2002) provides a summary of issues that should be considered when evaluating laboratory security in facilities that utilize Select Agents. An electronic copy of the BMBL 4th ed. is available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/bmbl4/bmbl4toc.htm>.

In September 2003, CDC and NIH initiated efforts to update the BMBL. This revision process occurs every 5-years extending over an 18-24 month period. Completion of the 5th edition is anticipated by Summer 2005. This new edition will include for the first time a chapter on biosecurity.

This workshop is an opportunity for the public to provide input into the chapter on biosecurity, as well as an appendix providing supplementary information related to select agents. Public comments on the successes and challenges in implementing biosecurity will be taken into consideration when drafting the new chapter.

Dated: March 18, 2004.

Stanley S. Sokul,

Counsel, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Sunshine Act Meeting

ACTION: Notice of a partially open meeting of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, April 1, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

OPEN AGENDA ITEM: Extension of Ex-Im Bank's Environmental Procedures & Guidelines and the Nuclear Procedures & Guidelines.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public participation for Item No. 1 only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of the Secretary, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571 (Tele. No. 202-565-3957).

Peter B. Saba,

General Counsel.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Petition No. P4-04]

Petition of FEDEX Trade Networks Transport & Brokerage, Inc. for Exemption From the Tariff Publishing Requirements of Sections 8 and 10 of the Shipping Act of 1984, as Amended; Notice of Filing

This is to provide notice of filing and to invite comments on or before April 2, 2004, with regard to the Petition described below.

FedEx Trade Networks Transport & Brokerage, Inc. ("Petitioner") has petitioned, pursuant to Section 16 of the Shipping Act of 1984, 46 U.S.C. app. § 1715, for an exemption from the tariff publishing and adherence requirements of the Shipping Act in order to permit Petitioner to depart from the provisions of its tariff and enter into confidential agreements for ocean transportation services with shippers.

In order for the Commission to make a thorough evaluation of the Petition, interested persons are requested to submit comments on the Petition no later than April 2, 2004. Comments on this Petition shall consist of an original and 15 copies, be directed to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20573-0001, and be served on Petitioner's counsel