

environments and all potential cleanup methods for sediment and to improve national consistency in decision-making for sediment sites. It is primarily intended for project managers considering remedial response actions or non-time-critical removal actions under CERCLA, or more commonly known as Superfund, although technical aspects of the guidance are also intended to assist project managers addressing sediment contamination under RCRA.

Following the introductory chapter (Chapter 1), the guidance presents information concerning sediment-specific considerations during the Remedial Investigation (Chapter 2) and the Feasibility Study (Chapter 3); information concerning evaluation of the three major cleanup methods for sediment, Monitored Natural Recovery, In-Situ Capping, and Dredging and Excavation (Chapters 4, 5 and 6); information about selecting sediment remedies (Chapter 7) and about monitoring sediment sites (Chapter 8). Although some issues concerning site characterization and risk are discussed early in the guidance, the emphasis of this guidance is on evaluating and selecting cleanup methods for contaminated sediment.

Dated: November 12, 2002.

Marianne Lamont Horinko,
Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed CERCLA Administrative Agreement Relating to the Liberty Industrial Finishing Superfund Site, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Agency's May 24, 1995, "Guidance on Agreements with Prospective Purchasers of Contaminated Property," notice is hereby given of a proposed prospective purchaser agreement ("PPA agreement") with the Town of Oyster Bay (the "Town") concerning their possible acquisition, by eminent domain, of an approximately 15-acre parcel of real property (the "Property") included within the Liberty Industrial

Finishing Superfund Site in the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York (the "Site"). Under the PPA agreement, the United States would covenant not to sue or take administrative action against the Town under section 106 or 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA") if the Town becomes the owner of the Property. In exchange, the Town will pay to EPA the difference between the value of the Property, determined as though the Property was not contaminated, and the amount that the Town is required to pay to the owners of the Property for the eminent domain taking, but in no event less than \$500,000 nor more than \$5,300,000. By publication of this notice, a 30 day period has been established in which the Agency will accept written comments relating to the PPA agreement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the PPA agreement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, Office of Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, 290 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The proposed PPA agreement is available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, Superfund Records Center, 290 Broadway, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866. A copy of the proposed PPA agreement may be obtained from the individual listed below. Comments should reference the Liberty Industrial Finishing Superfund Site, Nassau County, New York and EPA Index No. CERCLA-02-2002-2019, and should be addressed to the individual listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael A. Mintzer, Assistant Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866, Telephone: (212) 637-3168.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

William J. Muszynski,
Deputy Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II.
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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Meeting of the R&D Investment Subcommittee of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Subcommittee on Federal Research and Development Investment and its National Benefits, of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), will hold an open public forum on federal technology transfer mechanisms. The PCAST panel invites all interested persons to attend.

DATES AND PLACE: December 12, 2002, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the RAND Washington Office, 1200 S. Hayes St., Arlington, VA, Room 4204. The location is accessible from the Pentagon City metro stop, or with parking at the Pentagon City shopping mall.

REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION: Guests are requested to pre-register for this event by December 6. A Web site has been set up for information, agenda, and registration for this forum: <http://www.rand.org/scitech/stpi/TechTransfer/>. Information may also be obtained by emailing tsubmit@rand.org or calling 703-413-1100 x5674.

Proposed Schedule and Agenda

The PCAST Subcommittee on Federal Research and Development (R&D) Investment and its National Benefits is scheduled to host an open forum on Thursday, December 12, 2002, at approximately 9:00 a.m., to discuss technology transfer of federally funded R&D. The forum is scheduled to begin with an overview of the subject of technology transfer from university, federal laboratory, and federally funded industry R&D. A roundtable discussion will follow at approximately 10:15 a.m. and "open session" is scheduled to begin approximately 1:00 p.m. A particular focus will be discussion of the goals of technology transfer, how technology transfer is measured, and best practices from a variety of perspectives. The forum will end at approximately 4:00 p.m.