

mechanism for a type of comment or information, EPA requests that such comment or information be submitted using a similar format; this will increase the likelihood of the relevant information being considered.

2. Although POPRC has developed provisional arrangements for the treatment of confidential information, as mentioned in Unit I.B.3. no CBI will be forwarded to the POPs Convention Secretariat. EPA will, however, consider such information in development of the U.S. response to the POPs Convention Secretariat. Instructions on where and how to submit comments and confidential information can be found in Unit I.B.2. and **ADDRESSES**.

3. Anyone wishing to have an opportunity to communicate with EPA orally on this issue should consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

D. What is the Agency's Authority for Taking this Action?

EPA is requesting comment and information under the authority of section 102(2)(F) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. section 4321 *et seq.*, which directs all agencies of the Federal Government to "[r]ecognize the worldwide and long-range character of environmental problems and, where consistent with the foreign policy of the United States, lend appropriate support to initiatives, resolutions and programs designed to maximize cooperation in anticipating and preventing a decline in the quality of mankind's world environment." Section 17(d) of Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) also provides additional support in that it directs the Administrator of EPA "in cooperation with the Department of State and any other appropriate Federal agency, [to] participate and cooperate in any international efforts to develop improved pesticide research and regulations."

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances.

Dated: January 23, 2006.

Charles M. Auer,

Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Regarding the CPS/Madison Superfund Site, Middlesex County, NJ

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative settlement and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection ("EPA") is proposing to enter into an administrative settlement to resolve claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"). In accordance with section 122(h)(i)(1) of CERCLA, notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the CPS/Madison Site ("the Site"). Section 122(h) of CERCLA provides EPA with the authority to consider, compromise and settle certain claims for costs incurred by the United States. Notice is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. The administrative settlement is contained in the Administrative Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study ("RI/FS"), U.S. EPA Index No. CERCLA-02-2004-2027 (the "Order"). The administrative settlement compromises \$28,357.04 of EPA's past response costs incurred at the Site and provides that after Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp. ("Ciba") performs the RI/FS for the Site pursuant to the Order, it may apply for a credit, up to a maximum amount of \$250,000.00, for the incremental cost of analyzing groundwater samples for metals in addition to other contaminants. The credit can be applied toward EPA's unreimbursed response costs at the Site, should EPA attempt to recover those costs from Ciba in the future. The credit applies only to any future claim made by EPA for unreimbursed costs incurred or to be incurred by EPA concerning the Site.

EPA will consider any comments received during the comment period and may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement if comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. EPA's response to any comments received will be available for public

inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th floor, New York, New York 10007-1866. Telephone: (212) 637-3111.

DATES: Comments must be provided by March 1, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th Floor, New York, NY 10007 and should refer to: In the Matter of the CPS/Madison Superfund Site, U.S. EPA Index No. CERCLA-02-2004-2027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th Floor, New York, NY 10007, (212) 637-3142.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A copy of the proposed administrative settlement, as well as background information relating to the settlement, may be obtained in person or by mail from Clay Monroe, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Telephone: (212) 637-3142.

Dated: December 9, 2005.

Raymond Basso,

Acting Director, Emergency and Remedial Response Division, Region 2.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank 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 office 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 February 15, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Donna J. Ward, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001: