

Dated: February 23, 2007.

**Cynthia C. Dougherty,**

*Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8284-3]

### Notice of Availability of the Framework for Metals Risk Assessment

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of the final "Framework for Metals Risk Assessment" (EPA 120/R-07/001, March 2007). The purpose of the Framework is to present key guiding principles based on the unique attributes of metals (as differentiated from organic and organometallic compounds) and to describe how these metals-specific attributes and principles may then be applied in the context of existing EPA risk assessment guidance and practices. This Framework document is not a prescriptive guide on how any particular type of assessment should be conducted within an EPA program or regional office. Rather, it outlines key metal principles and describes how they should be considered in conducting human health and ecological risk assessments to advance our understanding of metals impact and foster consistency across EPA programs and regions. As a result the Framework is a science-based document that describes basic principles that address the special attributes and behaviors of metals and metal compounds to be considered when assessing their human health and ecological risks. EPA's Risk Assessment Forum oversaw the development of this document, which included input from stakeholders and experts throughout the Agency, obtained through several expert workshops, followed by peer review by the EPA Science Advisory Board.

The Framework sets out a variety of principles that are general, fundamental properties of metals, which should be addressed and incorporated into all inorganic metals risk assessments. The five overarching principles are summarized as follows: (1) Metals are naturally occurring constituents in the environment and vary in concentrations across geographic regions; (2) All environmental media have naturally occurring mixtures of metals, and

metals are often introduced into the environment as mixtures; (3) Some metals are essential for maintaining proper health of humans, animals, plants and microorganisms; (4) Metals, as chemical elements, and unlike organic chemicals, are neither created nor destroyed by biological or chemical processes, although, these processes can transform metals from one species to another (valence states) and can convert them between inorganic and organic forms; and (5) The absorption, distribution, transformation and excretion of a metal within an organism depends on the metal, the form of the metal or metal compound, and the organism's ability to regulate and/or store the metal.

**ADDRESSES:** The final document is available electronically through the EPA Office of the Science Advisor's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/osa/metalsframework>. A limited number of paper copies will be available from EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), P.O. Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242; telephone 1-800-490-9198 or 513-489-8190; facsimile 301-604-3408; e-mail [NSCEP@bps-lmit.com](mailto:NSCEP@bps-lmit.com). Please provide your name and mailing addresses and the title and EPA number (as given above) of the requested publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Randall S. Wentzel, Risk Assessment Forum Technical Writing Panel Co-chair, Mail Code 8101-R, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-3214; fax number: (202) 564-2070, E-mail: [wentzel.randy@epa.gov](mailto:wentzel.randy@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In December 2002 EPA's Science Policy Council tasked an Agency workgroup, under the oversight of the Risk Assessment Forum, with developing a plan for ensuring the consistent application of scientific principles to metals risk assessment. A step-wise plan was developed beginning with the Metals Action Plan (MAP), which included brief descriptions of the Agency's current activities on metals, identified critical scientific issues, and recommended the scope of the metals framework. The MAP was reviewed by EPA's Science Advisory Board. Then, EPA commissioned individual scientists to develop issue papers on important topics in metals risk assessment, including environmental chemistry, exposure, human health effects, ecological effects, and bioavailability and bioaccumulation. The Framework was developed based, in part, on these

issues papers and reviewed by the Agency-wide workgroup. Additional workshops and peer review activities were conducted at multiple intervals during the development of the Framework, and the Agency consulted with other federal agencies at key points during its development. Finally, the Framework underwent external peer review by EPA's Science Advisory Board.

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**George M. Gray,**

*EPA Science Advisor.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket# EPA-RO4-SFUND-2007-0169; FRL-8285-2]

### Jernigan Trucking Dump Site, Seffner, Hillsborough County, FL; Notice of Settlement

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of settlement.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency has entered into a settlement for reimbursement of past response costs concerning the Jernigan Trucking Dump Site located in Seffner, Hillsborough County, Florida.

**DATES:** The Agency will consider public comments on the settlement until April 9, 2007. 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the settlement are available from Ms. Paula V. Batchelor. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-RO4-SFUND-2007-0169 or Site name Jernigan Trucking Dump Superfund Site by one of the following methods:

- *www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* [Batchelor.Paula@gov](mailto:Batchelor.Paula@gov).
- *Fax:* 404/562-8842/Attn: Paula V. Batchelor
- *Mail:* Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. EPA Region 4, WMD-SEIMB, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. "In addition, please mail a copy of your comments on the information collection

provisions to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attn: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503."

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-R04-SFUND-2007-0169. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>

*Docket:* All documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the U.S. EPA Region 4 Office located at 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Regional office is open from 7 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor within 30 calendar days of the date of this publication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paula V. Batchelor at 404/562-8887.

Dated: February 21, 2007.

**Rosalind H. Brown,**

*Chief, Superfund Enforcement & Information Management Branch, Superfund Division.*

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## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

### Meetings; Sunshine Act

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, March 15, 2007, 1 p.m., Eastern Time.

**PLACE:** Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Conference Room on the Ninth Floor of the EEOC Office Building, 1801 "L" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507.

**STATUS:** The meeting will be open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** *Open Session:*

1. Announcement of Notation Votes, and
2. FY 2007 Budget Allocations for the State and Local Program.

**Note:** In accordance with the Sunshine Act, the meeting will be open to public observation of the Commission's deliberations and voting. (In addition to publishing notices on EEOC Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides a recorded announcement a full week in advance on future Commission sessions.)

Please telephone (202) 663-7100 (voice) and (202) 663-4074 (TTY) at any time for information on these meetings. The EEOC provides sign language interpretation at Commission meetings for the hearing impaired. Requests for other reasonable accommodations may be made by using the voice and TTY numbers listed above.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Stephen Llewellyn, Acting Executive Officer on (202) 663-4070.

Dated: March 6, 2007.

**Stephen Llewellyn,**

*Acting Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Notice of Agreements Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreements under the Shipping Act of 1984. Interested parties may submit comments on agreements to the Secretary, Federal

Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within ten days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**. Copies of agreements are available through the Commission's Office of Agreements (202-523-5793 or [tradeanalysis@fmc.gov](mailto:tradeanalysis@fmc.gov)).

*Agreement No.:* 011839-005.

*Title:* Med-Gulf Space Charter Agreement.

*Parties:* Hapag-Lloyd AG and Compania Sud Americana de Vapores S.A.

*Filing Party:* Wayne R. Rohde, Esq.; Sher & Blackwell LLP; 1850 M Street, NW.; Suite 900; Washington, DC 20036.

*Synopsis:* The amendment expands the geographic scope of the agreement to cover all of Florida rather than just Miami.

*Agreement No.:* 011971-001.

*Title:* USL/ANL Space Charter and Sailing Agreement.

*Parties:* U.S. Lines Limited and ANL Singapore Pte Ltd.

*Filing Party:* Robert B. Yoshitomi, Esq.; Nixon Peabody LLP; 555 West Fifth Street; 46th floor; Los Angeles, CA 90013.

*Synopsis:* The amendment permits ANL to provide a vessel to the service, and permits U.S. Lines to charter slots on that vessel.

*Agreement No.:* 011989.

*Title:* CMA CGM/MARUBA New Brasex Cross Space Charter, Sailing, and Cooperative Working Agreement.

*Parties:* CMA CGM S.A. and MARUBA S.A.

*Filing Party:* Paul M. Keane, Esq.; Cichanowicz, Callan, Keane, Vengrow & Textor, LLP; 61 Broadway; Suite 3000; New York, NY 10006-2802.

*Synopsis:* The agreement authorizes CMA CGM and MARUBA to charter vessel space to each other between the U.S. East Coast and ports throughout South America and the Caribbean.

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: March 2, 2007.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Security for the Protection of the Public Indemnification of Passenger for Nonperformance of Transportation; Notice of Issuance of Certificate (Performance)

Notice is hereby given that the following have been issued a Certificate of Financial Responsibility for