

- By prohibiting against the application of pesticides in a way that would cause exposure to people,
 - By requiring time-limited restrictions for workers to return to areas following the application of pesticides, and
 - By requiring provisions for workers and handlers to wear proper protective clothing/equipment; and
- Mitigate exposures that occur:*
- By requiring arrangements for the supply of soap, water, and towels in the case of pesticide exposure, and
 - By requiring provisions for emergency assistance.

II. Information Sought by EPA

EPA believes that agricultural workers, handlers and growers are best able to provide unique insights on the effects of the WPS requirements. Their input will be supplemented by data generated from other sources during the course of EPA's longer-term evaluation effort. As a follow-up to the public meetings, EPA will develop a summary of information gained. These tools will be used to develop strategies for improving the administration of the WPS. The Agency is specifically interested in hearing public comment, or receiving written comment, on the following topics.

1. Assistance from regulatory partners and others involved with the WPS.
2. Usefulness of available assistance.
3. Understanding WPS requirements.
4. Success in implementing the requirements.
5. Difficulties in implementing the requirements.
6. Suggestions to improve implementation.

III. Registration to Make Comments

Persons who wish to speak at the public meeting are encouraged to register at the meeting location. The Agency encourages parties to submit data to substantiate comments whenever possible. All comments, as well as information gathered at the public meetings will be available for public inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays) at the Public Response and Program Resource Branch, Field Operations Division, Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA.

Information submitted as part of any comment may be claimed as confidential by marking any or all of that information as Confidential Business Information (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with the procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the

comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by the Agency without prior notice to the submitter. The Agency anticipates that most of the comments will not be classified as CBI, and prefers that all information submitted be publicly available. Any records or transcripts of the open meetings will be considered public information and cannot be declared CBI.

IV. Structure of the Meeting

EPA will open the meeting with brief introductory comments. EPA will then invite those parties who have registered to present their comments. EPA anticipates that each speaker will be permitted 5 minutes to make comments. After each speaker, Agency and state representatives may ask the presenter questions of clarification. The Agency reserves the right to adjust the time for presenters depending on the number of speakers.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written documentation to EPA at the meeting to ensure that their entire position goes on record in the event that time does not permit a complete oral presentation.

Any information may be delivered to Jeanne Heying at the address stated earlier in this Notice.

Dated: April 2, 1996.
William L. Jordan,
Director, Field Operations Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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Proposed Administrative Settlement Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to enter into a *de minimis* settlement pursuant to Section 122(g)(4) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9622(g)(4). This proposed settlement is intended to resolve the liabilities under CERCLA of four *de minimis* parties for response costs incurred and to be incurred at the C&D Recycling Superfund Site, Foster Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before May 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107, and should refer to: *In Re C&D Recycling Superfund Site*, Foster Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, U.S. EPA Docket No. III-96-05-DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvette Hamilton-Taylor (3RC32), 215/597-3233, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 841 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of *De Minimis* Settlement: In accordance with Section 122(i)(1) of CERCLA and Section 7003(d) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6973(d), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the C&D Recycling Superfund Site, in Foster Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The agreement was proposed by EPA Region III on September 28, 1995. Subject to review by the public pursuant to this Notice, the agreement has met with the approval of the Attorney General or her designee, United States Department of Justice. Below are listed the parties who have executed binding certifications of their consent to participate in this settlement:

1. Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.
2. Metal Exchange Corporation
3. New York Transit Authority, Inc.
4. ICI Explosives USA, Inc.

These four parties collectively have agreed to pay \$63,294.00 subject to the contingency that EPA may elect not to complete the settlement if comments received from the public during this comment period disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Monies collected from *de minimis* parties will be applied towards past and future response costs incurred at or in connection with the Site. The settlement includes a premium to cover the risk of cost overruns or increased costs to address conditions at the Site previously unknown to EPA but discovered after the effective date of the Consent Order.

EPA is entering into this agreement under the authority of Sections 107 and 122(g) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9622(g). Section 122(g) authorizes early settlements with *de minimis* parties to allow them to resolve their liabilities at Superfund Sites without incurring substantial transaction costs.

Under this authority, EPA proposes to settle with a number of potentially responsible parties at the C&D Recycling Company, Inc. Superfund Site, each of whom is responsible for less than one percent of the volume of hazardous substance disposed of at the Site. EPA issued a draft settlement proposal to the *de minimis* parties on June 14, 1995 and invited comments and challenges to the volumetric ranking. On September 28, 1995, EPA issued a final settlement proposal embodied in an Administrative Order on Consent which included several modifications made in response to comments by *de minimis* parties in letters to EPA and during negotiations with the Agency. The proposed settlement reflects and was agreed upon based on conditions known to parties on September 28, 1995. *De minimis* settling parties will be required to pay their volumetric share of the Government's and a Potentially Responsible Party's past response costs and the estimated future response costs at the C&D Recycling Company, Inc. Superfund Site excluding any federal claims for natural resource damages or any State claims.

The settlement as it is now proposed includes an adjustment to the volumetric share of an eligible *de minimis* party; this adjustment was made prior to the final settlement proposal being sent to all eligible parties on September 28, 1995, in response to information provided by this party to EPA. The party affected is New York Transit Authority, Inc.

The Environmental Protection Agency will receive written comments relating to this Agreement for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Moreover, pursuant to Section 7003(d) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6973(d), the public may request a meeting in the affected area. A copy of the proposed Administrative Order on Consent can be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, Office of Regional Counsel, (3RC32), 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107 by contacting Yvette Hamilton-Taylor at (215) 597-3233.

Stanley L. Laskowski,

Acting Regional Administrator, U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency, Region III.

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**State Program Requirements;
Application to Administer the National
Pollutant Discharge Elimination
System (NPDES) Program; Louisiana**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed approval of the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

SUMMARY: The State of Louisiana has submitted a request for approval of the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Program pursuant to Section 402 of the Clean Water Act. If EPA approves the LPDES program, the State will administer that program *in lieu* of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program now administered by EPA in Louisiana. Today, EPA proposes to approve the State's request and provides notice of a public hearing and comment period on that proposal. EPA will either approve or disapprove the State's request after considering all comments it receives.

DATES: EPA Region 6 will hold a public hearing on May 9, 1996 beginning at 7:00 p.m. for submission of verbal or written comments on EPA's program approval proposal. A public discussion for questions and answers will be held prior to the hearing from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. To ensure issues brought up during the meeting from 3:00 to 5:00 are considered in EPA's decision, they should be made in writing to EPA, or on record during the public hearing later that evening. EPA Region 6 will continue to accept written comments through May 20, 1996 at its office in Dallas, Texas. Copies of such written comments should also be provided to LDEQ.

ADDRESSES: The May 9, 1996, public hearing will be held at the Maynard Ketcham Building, 7310 Bluebonnet, Jimmy Swaggart Bible College Campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Specific directions will be posted on the LDEQ headquarters building at 7290 Bluebonnet, adjacent to the Maynard Ketcham Building.

Written comments must be submitted to: Ms. Ellen Caldwell (6WQ-O), Water Quality Protection Division, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202.

A copy of each comment should be submitted to: Ms. Barbara Bevis, Office of Water Resources, LDEQ, P.O. Box 82215, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70884-2215.

Copies of documents Louisiana has submitted in support of its program

approval request may be reviewed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at:

EPA Region 6
12th Floor Library
1446 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202
(214) 665-7513

LDEQ Headquarters
7290 Bluebonnet
Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2215
(504) 765-2740

LDEQ Acadiana Regional Office
100 Asma Blvd., Suite 151
Lafayette, LA 70508
(318) 262-5584

LDEQ Bayou Lafourche Regional Office
104 Lococo Drive
Raceland, LA 70394
(504) 532-6206

LDEQ Capitol Regional Office
11720 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70817-1720
(504) 295-8583

LDEQ Kisatchie Central Regional Office
402 Rainbow Drive, Bldg. 402
Pineville, LA 71360
(318) 487-5656

LDEQ Northeast Regional Office
804 31st Street, Suite D
Monroe, LA 71211-4967
(318) 362-5439

LDEQ Northwest Regional Office
1525 Fairfield, Room 11
Shreveport, LA 71101-4388
(318) 867-7476

LDEQ Southeast Regional Office
3501 Chateau Boulevard-West Wing
Kenner, LA 70065
(504) 471-2800

LDEQ Southwest Regional Office
3519 Patrick Street, Room 265A
Lake Charles, LA 70605
318 475-8644

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ellen Caldwell at the address listed above or by calling (214) 665-7513 or Ms. Barbara Bevis at the address listed above or by calling (504) 765-2740.

Part or all of the State's submission (which comprises approximately 1930 pages) may be copied at the LDEQ office in Baton Rouge, or EPA office in Dallas, at a minimal cost per page. A copy of the entire submission may be obtained from the LDEQ office in Baton Rouge for a \$108.36 fee.

Part of the State's program submission and supporting documentation should be available electronically within two weeks of this notice at the following internet address: <http://WWW.DEQ.STATE.LA.US>—select Office of Water Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (Act) created