

inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 27, 1996.

**AVAILABILITY:** The proposed prospective purchaser agreement and additional background documentation relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Mark Klaiman, Assistant Regional Counsel (RC-3-1), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Comments should reference "Monsanto Company, San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Areas 1-4" and "Docket No. 96-09" and should be addressed to Mark Klaiman at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Klaiman, Assistant Regional Counsel (RC-3-1), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; E-mail: KLAIMAN.MARK@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV; phone: (415) 744-1473.

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*Acting Director, Hazardous Waste Management Division, U.S. EPA, Region IX.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### FCC Amends Charter of Network Reliability and Interoperability Council

April 18, 1996.

The Federal Communications Commission has renewed and amended the charter of its advisory committee, the "Network Reliability Council" and renamed it the "Network Reliability and Interoperability Council" (the "Council"). Under its amended charter, the Council will develop recommendations to the Commission as to how it might best accomplish responsibilities placed on it by Section 256 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

These include developing procedures to oversee coordinated network planning by providers of telecommunications service and participating in the development, by standards-setting organizations, of public telecommunications network interconnectivity standards. The purposes of Section 256 are, first, to promote nondiscriminatory accessibility

by the broadest number of users and vendors of telecommunications products and services to public telecommunications networks through (a) coordinated network planning and design and (b) interconnectivity of public networks and devices to those networks, and, second, to ensure the ability of users and information providers to seamlessly and transparently transmit and receive information between and across telecommunications networks.

The Council will also continue to provide recommendations to the Commission and to the industry that will help assure optimal reliability of the public telecommunications networks.

Building on the accomplishments of the committee to date and in view of the wider purposes of the committee under the amended charter, the Commission has selected members of the Council on the basis of their technical knowledge, the impact of their activities on network reliability and the impact of network availability on the constituencies the members represent. Any new members will be chosen so that the largest possible diversity of interests, given the function to be performed, will be represented.

The continuation of the Council is necessary and in the public interest to prepare recommendations of the FCC as to how it might best accomplish responsibilities placed on it by Section 256 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Continuation is also necessary to prepare recommendations to the industry and to the FCC for avoiding, and minimizing the impact of, future network outages. Continuation of the Council is also necessary so that the telecommunications industry and the Commission can effectively monitor and encourage the implementation of the Council's prior recommendations by the industry, and assess the effectiveness of the implemented recommendations on network access during outages and help assure maximum availability of crucial telecommunications services.

For additional information, contact Robert Kimball 202/418-2339.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

*Acting Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1112-DR]

### Illinois; Amendment to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster for the State of Illinois, (FEMA-1112-DR), dated May 6, 1996, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 20, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pauline C. Campbell, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3606.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster for the State of Illinois, is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of May 6, 1996:

Adams, Brown, Hamilton, Hancock, Menard, Schuyler and Vermilion Counties for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation. Cass, Douglas, Jackson, Sangamon, White and Williamson Counties for Individual Assistance, Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 83.516, Disaster Assistance)

Dennis H. Kwiatkowski,

*Deputy Associate Director, Response and Recovery Directorate.*

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[FEMA-1112-DR]

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this disaster is closed effective May 17, 1996.