

DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites research grant applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Exploratory Research, (2) Indicators of Global Climate Change, and (3) Interindividual Variation in Human Susceptibility to Environmentally-caused Disease. Applications must be received as follows: December 16, 1997, for the human health and environmental chemistry areas of exploratory research; February 12, 1998, for Indicators of Global Climate Change and Interindividual Variation in Human Susceptibility to Environmentally-caused Disease; March 12, 1998, for the physics and environmental engineering areas of exploratory research; and March 31, 1998, for the environmental biology area of exploratory research.

The RFAs provide relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic areas, and describe the application and review process.

Contact person for the Exploratory Research RFA is Clyde Bishop (bishop.clyde@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6914; for Indicators of Global Change, Barbara Levinson (levinson.barbara@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6911; and for Interindividual Variation in Human Susceptibility to Environmentally-caused Disease, David Reese (reese.david@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6919.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Fellowships for Graduate Environmental Study

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the availability of the fiscal year 1998 Science to Achieve

Results (STAR) Fellowships for Graduate Environmental Study Program announcement, in which the scientific disciplines of interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedule are set forth. Fellowships will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Closing date for receipt of pre-applications is November 14, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703R), 401 M Street SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194. The complete announcement can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/ncerqa>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its announcement for the STAR Fellowships for Graduate Environmental Study Program the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites fellowship pre-applications the advance education (masters and doctoral levels) in 27 fields of study relevant to environmental science and policy. Pre-applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 14, 1997.

The announcement provides relevant background information, identifies eligible fields of study, and describes the application and review process.

The contact person for the STAR Fellowships Program is Virginia Broadway (broadway.virginia@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6923.

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Notice of Availability of Final Draft Guidance for Developing Superfund Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) Language Concerning State Voluntary Cleanup Programs

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the document "Final

Draft Guidance for Developing Superfund Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) Language Concerning State Voluntary Cleanup Programs" and the Agency's request for stakeholder comment on both aspects of the document, i.e., the final draft guidance and the site screening or designation process. In this document, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is encouraging its Regions to develop partnerships with States by negotiating MOAs that delineate roles and responsibilities for the cleanup of hazardous substance sites, such as Brownfields, that do not pose the type of risk usually addressed by Federal Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) cleanups. These MOAs are designed to facilitate the expeditious cleanup of these lower risk sites under State voluntary cleanup programs. This document sets out baseline criteria that EPA will use to evaluate State voluntary cleanup programs. This evaluation will be part of the negotiation of an MOA, or work planning document. As explained more fully in the draft guidance, for those sites included within the scope of the MOA, EPA will not exercise cost recovery authority and does not generally anticipate taking removal or remedial actions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA or Superfund) at these sites except under the limited circumstances detailed in the draft guidance.

DATES: Written comments must be postmarked or submitted by hand or electronically by October 24, 1997. Due to the previous stakeholder discussions on this guidance, including the February 27, 1997 open meeting noticed in the February 13, 1997 **Federal Register**, this comment period is not expected to be extended, and thus, this is likely to be the final opportunity for public comment on this guidance.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments, the public must send an original and two copies to Docket Number SFMOA, located at the Superfund Docket. The official address is: U.S. EPA, Superfund Docket (MC5202G), 401 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Hand-delivered comments should be taken to: U.S. EPA, Superfund Docket, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Gateway 1, First Floor, Arlington, VA 22202. (Also, see the section under "Supplementary Information" regarding the paperless office effort for submitting public comments.) The Superfund Docket is open for public inspection and copying of supporting information from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Eastern Time,