

recommendation) because it did not recommend equal protection to the Outstandingly Remarkable Values of several river segments within the study area and did not fully consider the broader implications of designation on other, nearby wilderness and roadless areas.

Dated: September 30, 1997.

William D. Dickerson,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-00226; FRL-5749-6]

Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) Projects; Open Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Three projects of the Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) will hold meetings open to the public at the time and place listed below in this notice. The Lead Project will not be meeting this session. The public is encouraged to attend the proceedings as observers. However, in the interest of time and efficiency, the meeting is structured to provide maximum opportunity for state, tribal, and EPA invited participants to discuss items on the predetermined agenda. At the discretion of the chair of the project, an effort will be made to accommodate participation by observers attending the proceedings.

DATES: The three projects will meet October 20, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a plenary session on Cutting Edge Initiatives in Pollution Prevention from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and on October 21, 1997, from 8 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at The Embassy Suites Hotel, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darlene Harrod, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7408), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: (202) 260-6904, e-mail: harrod.darlene@epamail.epa.gov. Any observer wishing to speak should advise the DFO at the telephone number or e-mail address listed above no later than 4 p.m. on October 16, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FOSTTA, a group of state and tribal toxics

environmental managers, is intended to foster the exchange of toxics-related program and enforcement information among the states/tribes and between the states/tribes and EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). FOSTTA currently consists of the Coordinating Committee and four issue-specific projects. The projects are the: (1) Toxics Release Inventory Project; Pollution Prevention Project; (3) Chemical Management Project; and (4) Lead (Pb) Project.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: September 27, 1997.

Susan B. Hazen,

Director, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5902-5]

Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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

SUMMARY: The 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). Notice is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. The settlement is intended to recover all past response costs incurred by EPA at the Spruce Street Site in Anchorage, Alaska. **DATES:** Comments must be provided on or before November 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, ORC-158, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, 98101, and should refer to the Spruce Street Site, Anchorage, Alaska, U.S. EPA Docket No. 10-96-0090-CERCLA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward J. Kowalski, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, ORC-158, 1200 Sixth Avenue,

Seattle, Washington, 98101, (206) 553-6695; Gina Belt, U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental & Natural Resources Division, 801 B Street, #504, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501-3657, (907) 271-3456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 122(i)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(i)(1), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement, Agreement for Payment of Response Costs (Agreement), concerning the Spruce Street Site (Site) located in Anchorage, Alaska. Pursuant to section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9604, EPA undertook response actions at the Site, which was an inactive salvage yard of about two acres. The Agreement resolves EPA's claims regarding liability under section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), for response costs incurred by EPA in connection with the Site. Subject to review by the public pursuant to this Notice, the Agreement has been approved by the United States Department of Justice. The following are the parties who have executed the proposed Agreement: the Municipality of Anchorage, The State of Alaska, the Defense Logistics Agency, the Federal Aviation Administration; the United States Air Force, and the United States Army. EPA is entering into this Agreement under the authority of section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1).

EPA initiated a time critical removal action at the Site in October 1991 to stabilize the wastes located on-site. Hazardous wastes on-site included paints, electrical equipment containing PCBs, soils contaminated with heavy metals, soils contaminated with PCBs, chemicals, acids, and caustics. Due to inclement weather, removal activities by EPA were suspended and resumed in June 1992, when EPA sorted on-site debris and prepared hazardous materials for removal. In January 1993, hazardous materials including paints, electrical equipment containing PCBs, some contaminated soils and oils were transported off-site. Two nearby residences were supplied with bottled water because of elevated levels of arsenic in their wells. These two residences have since been hooked up to the city water supply. To restrict access to the Site, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation erected a fence around the Site and posted hazardous substance warning signs. In performing these response actions, EPA and the State of Alaska incurred response costs at the Site. The Agreement requires, *inter alia*, that the Municipality of Anchorage