

**Burden Statement**

EPA plans to conduct ten sets of interviews involving non-Federal respondents in the form of roundtables. EPA will contact 50 non-Federal respondents. The interview will place a burden of 16 hours on each respondent and cost in time of \$43 per respondent per hour. Thus, the total expected respondent burden is estimated at 800 hours and \$34,400.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to respond to a collection of information; search existing data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

**Susan O'Keefe,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5941-9]

**Proposed Settlement Agreement, Clean Air Act Petition for Review**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ("Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed settlement agreement, which was filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") on October 16, 1997, to address a lawsuit filed by the Appalachian Power Company and other electric utilities. *Appalachian Power Company, et al., v. United States Environmental Protection Agency*, No 93-1631. This lawsuit, which was filed pursuant to section 307(b) of the Act, 42

U.S.C. 7607(b), is a petition for review of the modeling assumptions required for existing point source and new or modified point source compliance demonstrations as set forth in Tables 9-1 and 9-2 of the "Guideline on Air Quality Models" (the "Modeling Guidelines") regulations published at 58 FR 38816 (July 20, 1993) and codified in Appendix W of 40 CFR Part 51. The proposed settlement agreement provides that EPA will issue specified guidance on interpretation of parts of the Tables in question and will propose to incorporate that guidance into the Modeling Guideline.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will receive written comments relating to the proposed settlement agreement from persons who were not named as parties to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withhold or withdraw consent to the proposed settlement agreement if the comments disclose facts or circumstances that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act.

A copy of the proposed settlement agreement was filed with the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on October 16, 1997. Copies are also available from Phyllis Cochran, Air and Radiation Division (2344), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-7606. Written comments should be sent to Alexander Schmandt at the address above and must be submitted on or before January 29, 1998.

Dated: December 18, 1997.

**Scott C. Fulton,**

*Acting General Counsel.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-5941-7]

**Proposed Administrative Agreement for Recovery of Past Response Costs Under Section 122(h) of CERCLA**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed settlement.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 122(h) of CERCLA, EPA is proposing to settle a claim under Section 107 of CERCLA for response costs incurred by EPA in

conducting a removal action to address hazardous substances at the Pruitt & Grace Site in Lorain, OH. Mr. Michael Pruitt, the Settling Party, has agreed to reimburse EPA in the amount of \$20,000. EPA today is proposing to approve this settlement offer because it reimburses EPA for costs incurred during the removal action.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed settlement must be received on or before January 29, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the proposed settlement are available at the following address for review: (It is recommended that you telephone Mr. Kevin Chow at (312) 353-6181 before visiting the Region 5 Office).

Mr. Kevin Chow (C-14J), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604.

Comments on this proposed settlement should be addressed to: (Please submit an original and three copies, if possible) Mr. Kevin Chow (C-14J), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Kevin Chow, Office of Regional Counsel, at (312) 353-6181.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In response to several hundred deteriorated drums at the Pruitt & Grace Site containing leaking hazardous or ignitable waste and posing a risk of fire or explosion, U.S. EPA undertook actions to minimize the immediate threat, test the materials involved, and properly dispose of the hazardous waste. The Settling Party was an owner and officer of a highway line painting company that operated at the site, and, after ceasing operations, left behind drums of hazardous and flammable waste, primarily paint and solvent waste. The Pruitt & Grace Site is not on the National Priorities List. A 30-day period, beginning on the date of publication, is open pursuant to section 122(i) of CERCLA for comments on this proposed settlement.

Comments should be addressed to Mr. Kevin Chow, Office of Regional Counsel (C-14J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604.

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