The real property in question consists of approximately 355 acres, approximately 290 of which are former wetlands and bottomland hardwood forests which have been converted to farmland. This property is located between the Site and the Forked Deer River and lies almost entirely in the floodplain of that river. Pursuant to State authorities, TWRA desires to purchase the property, to restore the property to its original condition as wetlands and bottomland hardwood forests, and to manage the property in perpetuity solely for purposes of preservation, including any complimentary educational and recreational uses which are passive and noncommercial.

Pursuant to the PPA, TWRA will be protected from CERCLA liability which may result from TWRA’s purchase of the property described above. This protection is contingent on TWRA’s management of the property as described above.

EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate.

Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, Waste Management Division, U.S. EPA, Region 4, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8903, 404-562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor or within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of publication.


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