

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 300**

[FRL-5995-1]

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of deletion for the Coalinga Asbestos Mine site (EPA ID# CAD980817217) from the National Priorities List.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 announces the deletion of the Coalinga Asbestos Mine Site in Coalinga, California from the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL constitutes Appendix B of 40 CFR part 300 of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) which EPA promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended. EPA and the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control have determined that all appropriate CERCLA response actions have been implemented and that no further cleanup is appropriate. Moreover, EPA and the State have determined that remedial activities conducted at the site to date have been protective of public health, welfare, and the environment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Proconier, Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, Mail Code SFD-7-2, San Francisco, California 94105, (415) 744-2219 or toll free number (800) 231-3075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The site to be deleted from the NPL is: Coalinga Asbestos Mine Site, Coalinga, California.

EPA identifies sites that appear to present a significant risk to public health, welfare, or the environment and it maintains the NPL as the list of those sites. In accordance with the NCP § 300.424(e)(3), any site deleted from the NPL remains eligible for Fund-financed remedial actions in the unlikely event that conditions at the site warrant such action in the future. Deletion of a site from the NPL does not affect responsible party liability or impede agency efforts to recover costs associated with response efforts.

A Notice of Intent to Delete for this site was published November 19, 1997

(62 FR 61715). The closing date for comments on the Notice of Intent to Delete was December 19, 1997. EPA received one comment.

Responsiveness Summary

Comment: Request for EPA to define clear and simple procedures for gaining access to the Pine Canyon area for scientific study.

Response: EPA notes that removing the Site from the NPL does not affect public access to the site, just as placing a site on the NPL does not, in and of itself, affect public access. The Pine Canyon area includes the Johns Manville Unit of the Coalinga Asbestos Mine Site. The Johns Manville Unit is privately owned. Requests for access to this area should be directed to the current owner, the Pine Canyon Land Company.

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, does not apply because this action is not a rule, as that term is defined in 5 U.S.C. 804(e).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 300

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Hazardous waste, Intergovernmental relations, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Felicia Marcus,*Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region 9.*

40 CFR part 300 is amended as follows:

PART 300—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 300 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(2); 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657; E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR 1991 Comp., p.351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923; 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p.193.

Appendix B—[Amended]

2. Table 1 of Appendix B to part 300 is amended by removing the site for Coalinga Asbestos Mine, Coalinga, California.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**44 CFR Part 64**

[Docket No. FEMA-7686]

Suspension of Community Eligibility**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA.**ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule identifies communities, where the sale of flood insurance has been authorized under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), that are suspended on the effective dates listed within this rule because of noncompliance with the floodplain management requirements of the program. If the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) receives documentation that the community has adopted the required floodplain management measures prior to the effective suspension date given in this rule, the suspension will be withdrawn by publication in the **Federal Register**. **EFFECTIVE DATES:** The effective date of each community's suspension is the third date ("Susp.") listed in the third column of the following tables.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to determine whether a particular community was suspended on the suspension date, contact the appropriate FEMA Regional Office or the NFIP servicing contractor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert F. Shea Jr., Division Director, Program Implementation Division, Mitigation Directorate, 500 C Street, SW., Room 417, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3619.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NFIP enables property owners to purchase flood insurance which is generally not otherwise available. In return, communities agree to adopt and administer local floodplain management aimed at protecting lives and new construction from future flooding. Section 1315 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4022, prohibits flood insurance coverage as authorized under the National Flood Insurance Program, 42 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*, unless an appropriate public body adopts adequate floodplain management measures with effective enforcement measures. The communities listed in this document no longer meet that statutory requirement for compliance with program regulations, 44 CFR part 59 *et seq.* Accordingly, the communities will be suspended on the effective date in the third column. As of that date, flood insurance will no longer be