

Area soils were below the SCLs identified in the ROD. The soils were transported to the MSR facility and stockpiled. The MSR facility, and Source Areas 4 and 5 are currently being capped with a multi-layer cap.

Currently, all stockpiled materials (from both removals) have been solidified/stabilized as part of the ongoing remedial action. In addition, as a result of the ongoing remedial action, monitoring wells were removed from the outlying source areas in June 1998.

There are no institutional controls for Source Areas 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10. A five-year review will not be conducted at these Source Areas due to the fact that soil and groundwater contaminants are below the SCLs. The concentrations found in the samples taken do not present a current or future threat to public health or the environment.

EPA, with concurrence of the State of North Carolina, has determined that all appropriate responses under CERCLA for Source Areas 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10 have been completed, and that no further activities by responsible parties are deemed necessary. Therefore, EPA proposes to delete these Source Areas from the NPL.

Dated: August 5, 1998.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 300**  
[FRL-6146-2]

**National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to delete a portion of the Sangamo Weston/Twelve Mile Creek/Lake Hartwell (Sangamo) Superfund Site from the National Priorities List (NPL).

**SUMMARY:** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Region 4, announces its intent to partially delete a portion of the Sangamo Superfund Site from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comment on this proposed action. The NPL constitutes Appendix B of 40 CFR part 300 which is the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). EPA is pursuing a partial deletion for the Sangamo Superfund Site based on a policy change intended

to support economic redevelopment for Superfund sites. This partial deletion will be for an unused portion of the site (across Sangamo Road from the plant property) and also includes three of the six remote properties which are within a few miles of the plant property. The three remote properties proposed for deletion are Trotter, Nix, and Welborn properties. There is no groundwater contamination at the areas proposed for deletion. EPA and the State of South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control have determined that these areas pose no significant threat to public health or the environment and therefore, CERCLA remedial measures are not appropriate for the unused tract of land, and no further remedial measures are necessary for the three remote properties.

**DATES:** EPA will accept comments concerning the Sangamo Site partial deletion proposal until September 16, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Sheri Panabaker, US EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth St., WD-NSMB, SW, Atlanta, GA, 30303.

Comprehensive information on this Site is available through the EPA Region 4 public docket, which is located at EPA's Region 4 office and is available for viewing by appointment from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Requests for appointments or copies of the background information from the regional public docket should be directed to the EPA Region 4 docket office.

The address for the regional docket office is: U.S. EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth St., SW, Atlanta, GA, 30303, attn: Ms. Debbie Jourdan. The telephone number is 404-562-8862.

Background information from the regional public docket is also available for viewing at the Site information repository located at the following locations: R.M. Cooper Library, Clemson University, South Palmetto Boulevard, Clemson, SC (864) 656-5174; Pickens County Public Library, Easley Branch, 110 West First Avenue, Easley, SC (864) 850-7077; Hart County Library, 150 Benson Street, Hartwell, GA (706) 376-4655.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact either Sheri Panabaker (Remedial Project Manager) or Cynthia Peurifoy (Community Relations Coordinator) at 1-800-435-9233 or 404-562-8810. E-mail address is [panabaker.sheri@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:panabaker.sheri@epamail.epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Introduction**

This document is to announce EPA's intent to delete a portion of the Sangamo Site from the NPL. It also serves to request public comments on the partial deletion proposal.

EPA identifies sites that appear to present a significant risk to public health, welfare, or the environment and maintains the NPL as the list of these sites. Sites on the NPL qualify for remedial responses financed by the Hazardous Substances Response Trust Fund (Fund). As described in § 300.425(e)(3) of the NCP, sites deleted from the NPL remain eligible for Fund-financed remedial actions in the unlikely event that conditions at the site warrant such actions. EPA will accept comments on the proposal to delete a site from the NPL for thirty days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**.

**II. NPL Deletion Criteria**

The NCP establishes the criteria that EPA uses to delete sites from the NPL. In accordance with § 300.425(e) of the NCP, sites may be deleted from the NPL where no further response is appropriate. In making this determination, EPA, in consultation with the State, considers whether the site has met any of the following criteria for site deletion:

(i) Responsible or other parties have implemented all appropriate response actions required;

(ii) All appropriate response actions under CERCLA have been implemented and no further response actions are deemed necessary; or

(iii) The remedial investigation has determined that the release poses no significant threat to public health or the environment and, therefore, no remedial action is appropriate.

**III. Deletion Procedures**

EPA Region 4 will accept and evaluate public comments before making a final decision to delete. Comments from the local community may be the most pertinent to deletion decisions. The following procedures were used for the intended deletion of a portion of the Sangamo Site:

(1) EPA Region 4 has recommended this partial deletion and has prepared the relevant documents.

(2) The State concurs with the decision to delete a portion of the Sangamo Site.

(3) Concurrent with this announcement, a notice has been published in the local newspaper and has been distributed to appropriate federal, state, and local officials

announcing the commencement of a 30-day public comment period on the Notice of Intent to Delete.

(4) EPA has made all relevant documents available for public review at the information repository and in the Regional Office.

Partial deletion of a site from the NPL does not itself create, alter, or revoke any individual's rights or obligations. The NPL is designed primarily for information purposes and to assist EPA management. As mentioned earlier, section 300.425(e)(30) of the NCP states that deletion of a site from the NPL does not preclude eligibility of the site for future Fund-financed response actions.

For the partial deletion of this site, EPA will accept and evaluate public comments on this Notice of Intent to Delete before finalizing the decision. The Agency will prepare a Responsiveness Summary to address any significant public comments received during the comment period. The deletion is finalized after the Regional Administrator places a Notice of Deletion in the **Federal Register**.

The NPL will reflect any deletions in the next publication of the final rule. Public notices and copies of the Responsiveness Summary will be made available to local residents by Region 4.

#### **IV. Basis for Intended Sangamo Site Partial Deletion**

The following Site summary provides the Agency's rationale for the proposed intent for partial deletion of this Site from the NPL.

The Sangamo site (Site) is located in Pickens County, South Carolina. Sangamo Weston, Inc. owned and operated a capacitor manufacturing plant in Pickens, South Carolina from 1955 to 1987. In its manufacturing processes, Sangamo used several varieties of dielectric fluids which contained several varieties of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). PCBs reportedly enhanced the performance and durability of the fluids. Waste disposal practices from the Sangamo Plant included land-burial of off-specification capacitors and wastewater treatment sludges on the plant site and six satellite (remote) disposal areas within a 3-mile radius of the plant. Three of these, which are proposed for deletion, are the Trotter, Nix, and Welborn properties. PCBs were also discharged with the effluent directly into Town Creek, which is a tributary of Twelvemile Creek. Twelvemile Creek is a major tributary of the 56,000 acre Lake Hartwell. As part of its overall strategy in addressing the Sangamo site, EPA split the site into two Operable Units. Operable Unit One (OU1) consists of the

land-based source areas including the plant site and the six satellite disposal areas. OU2 addresses the sediment and biological impacts downstream of the land-based source areas.

The specific areas associated with this partial delisting include only a portion of the soils for OU1. The areas proposed for delisting (an unused tract of land across from the plant property, and three remote properties, Trotter, Nix, and Welborn) have been the subject of previous investigations. The majority of the investigatory and remedial actions taken within the area targeted for partial delisting was performed under a Consent Decree, dated April 15, 1992.

An RI/FS was initiated by the potentially responsible party (Schlumberger Industries, Inc. (SII) in 1988, which showed soils to be primarily contaminated with PCBs, but there were also VOCs and metals detected. The Record of Decision (ROD) was signed in December 1990 which stated that the contaminated soils would be treated by thermal desorption. The groundwater at these three remote properties did not pose a risk to human health or the environment and, therefore, remedial action was not warranted for the groundwater.

Under a Consent Decree with SII signed in April 1992, the contaminated soils were excavated from all six of the remote properties between November 1993 and July 1994. The soils were excavated to 10 parts per million (ppm) for the remote properties (except for the ravine parts of the Nix and Welborn properties, which were excavated to 1 ppm), and to 25 ppm on the plant property. Sampling to confirm the effectiveness of the waste removal efforts showed that the performance standards were achieved. The excavated areas were then backfilled with clean soil. Treatment of all contaminated soils (from the six remote properties and the plant property) by thermal desorption began in December 1995, and was completed in May 1997. Approximately 60,000 tons (40,000 cubic yards) of contaminated soils were treated to 2 ppm. The cleanup level was confirmed through sampling of treated soils.

Samples collected from the unused property across the street from the plant site did not detect any of the contaminants stated in the ROD.

The remedial activities associated with removing contaminated soil within the areas targeted for partial delisting at the Sangamo Site are considered a permanent remedy. No additional treatment of soils within these areas will be necessary. As such, no operation and maintenance activities are necessary for these areas. Because no hazardous

substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain in the soils within the areas targeted for partial delisting, no Five Year Review will be performed on these areas.

EPA, in concurrence with the State of South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, has determined that all appropriate Fund-financed responses under CERCLA for the soils within the areas targeted for this partial deletion have been completed, and that no further activities by responsible parties are appropriate. Therefore, EPA proposes to delete these areas from the NPL.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **50 CFR Part 17**

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#### **Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reopening of Comment Period on 90-Day Finding and Commencement of Status Review for a Petition To List the Westslope Cutthroat Trout as Threatened**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice that the comment period on the westslope cutthroat trout 90-day finding is being reopened. All interested parties are invited to submit comments on this proposal.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted until October 13, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Data, information, technical critiques, comments, or questions relevant to this amended petition should be sent to the Chief, Branch of Native Fishes Management, Montana Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance Office, 4052 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, Montana 59715. The amended petition, its appendices, and bibliography are available for public inspection, by appointment, at the above address. Electronic copies of the amended petition and bibliography may be requested and received via e-mail from lynn\_kaeding@fws.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn Kaeding, at the above address, or telephone (406) 582-0717.