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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of Addendum #1 to the Assessment Plan for the Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Indiana Harbor and Associated Lake Michigan Environments

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 30-day comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that the document titled "Addendum #1 to the Assessment Plan for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment of the Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Indiana Harbor and Associated Lake Michigan Environments" ("The Addendum") will be available for public review and comment on the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

The U.S. Department of the Interior, and The State of Indiana ("trustees") are acting as trustees for natural resources considered in this assessment, pursuant to subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR 300.600 and 300.610, and Executive Order 12580.

The assessment, including the activities addressed in this addendum, will be conducted in accordance with the guidance of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR Part 11. The public review of the Addendum announced by this Notice is provided for in 43 CFR 11.32(c).

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Addendum. Copies of the Addendum, and the "Assessment Plan for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment of the Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Indiana Harbor and Associated Lake Michigan Environments" ("The Plan") issued on October 14, 1997 (FR Doc. 97-26788), can be requested from the address listed below. All written comments will be considered and included in the Report of Assessment, at the conclusion of the assessment process.

DATES: Written comments on the Plan must be submitted on or before November 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Addendum and/or the Plan may be made to:

Supervisor, Ecological Services Office,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 620 S.
Walker Street, Bloomington, Indiana
47403

or:

Natural Resource Trustee, Office of
Legal Counsel, Indiana Department of
Environmental Management, 100 N.
Senate Avenue, P.O. Box 6015,
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6015;
(317) 233-6822.

Comments on the Addendum should be sent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at the address listed above. The trustees will coordinate comment review.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this natural resource damage assessment is to confirm and quantify the suspected injuries to natural resources in the Grand Calumet River, Indiana Harbor Ship Canal, Indiana Harbor and Associated Lake Michigan Environments resulting from exposure to hazardous substances released by area steel mills, refineries and other potential sources. It is suspected that this exposure has caused injury and resultant damages to trustee resources. The injury and resultant damages will be assessed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, and the Clean Water Act, as amended. The Addendum addresses additional collection activities that will be undertaken to provide additional information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Availability of Environmental Assessment and Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment for Areas of Critical Environmental Concern; Montana, South Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and Section 1501 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, an environmental

assessment and proposed resource management plan amendment has been prepared for the Powder River, Billings, and South Dakota planning areas. The Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Environmental Assessment and Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment describes and analyzes future options for management of proposed areas of critical environmental concern on 39,145 federal surface acres managed by the Bureau of Land Management within the following counties: Carbon, Carter, Musselshell, Powder River, Rosebud, Treasure, Yellowstone, Montana; Big Horn County, Wyoming, and Fall River County, South Dakota. The Resource Management Plan Amendment provides a comprehensive plan for managing the federal surface and mineral resources in these areas.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Environmental Assessment and Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment was available for public review from December 29, 1997 to March 9, 1998. Written comments were received from agencies, individuals and organizations. All comments were considered in the preparation of the Environmental Assessment and Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment.

The resource management planning process includes an opportunity for review through a plan protest to the BLM's Director. Any person or organization who participated in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the approval of this resource management plan amendment may protest the plan. Careful adherence to the following guidelines will assist in preparing a protest that will assure the greatest consideration for your point of view.

Only those persons or organizations who participated in the planning process may protest the plan.

A protesting party may raise only those issues which were commented on during the planning process.

Additional issues may be raised at any time and should be directed to the Miles City Field Office for consideration in plan implementation, as potential plan amendments, or as otherwise appropriate.

DATES: The protest period lasts 30 days and begins the day the Notice of Availability for this document is published in the **Federal Register**. There is no provision for an extension of time. Protests filed late, or filed with the State Director or Field Manager shall be rejected by the Director. To be