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Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6201-7]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Personal Exposure of High-Risk Subpopulations to Particles

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed and/or continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Title: Exposure of High-Risk Subpopulations to Particles.

EPA ICR Number: 1887.1

Before submitting this ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may obtain a copy of this ICR without charge by contacting Ms. Shari Pricer, US EPA (MD-78A), Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shari Pricer, 919-541-2198. Fax: 919-541-1111. E-mail: pricer.shari@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For technical information on the proposed study, contact the Project Officer, Dr. Lance Wallace, 703-648-4287. FAX: 703-648-4290. E-mail: wallace.lance@epamail.epa.gov.

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are patients who may be asked to take part in the study by participating physicians.

Title: Personal Exposure of High-Risk Subpopulations to Particles (EPA ICR No. 1887.1).

Abstract: The National Exposure Research Laboratory of the Office of Research and Development (ORD) at EPA is funding four studies of personal exposure of high-risk subpopulations to particles and associated gases. These

studies have been recommended by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS).

Three of the studies are three year cooperative agreements with the following institutions: the Harvard School of Public Health, the New York University School of Medicine, and the University of Washington. The fourth study is an EPA conducted study with contractual support. All four studies will employ the same questionnaire to supplement the collection of information on personal, indoor, and outdoor concentrations of the target pollutants. Subjects will be drawn from high-risk subpopulations with respiratory or cardiovascular disease. Participation will be entirely voluntary.

The information will be used by scientists within ORD and external to the Agency to evaluate the relationships between personal exposure, indoor concentrations, and concentrations measured at a central monitoring site for one or more high-risk subpopulations, including particularly persons with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and persons with cardiovascular disease. The data will also be used by the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards in their review of the basis for the proposed PM_{2.5} regulation. The information will appear in the form of final EPA reports, journal articles, and will also be made publicly available in an electronic data base.

The cost of the four studies is expected to be \$6M over a period of three years. Approximately 240 respondents will be included. The cost to the respondent will be negligible. An incentive payment will be offered to defray burden.

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who

are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The average time to review instructions and answer the questionnaire is estimated to be 26 minutes. The questionnaire is administered once each day for periods of 7, 14, 24, or 56 visits per year, depending on the individual study. The total time spent answering the questionnaire is estimated to be 1,217.2 hours for 104 respondents per year, or about 12 hours per year per respondent on average.

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 be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

T.A. Clark,

Acting Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory (MD-75).

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6202-7]

Notice of Proposed Purchaser Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675,

notice is hereby given that a proposed purchaser agreement ("Purchaser Agreement") associated with the Avtex Fibers Superfund Site ("Site") in Front Royal, Virginia, was executed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice and is now subject to public comment, after which the United States may modify or withdraw its consent if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the Purchaser Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Purchaser Agreement will resolve certain potential EPA claims under sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, against Century Enterprise, L.L.C. ("Purchaser"). The property subject to the Purchaser Agreement is a certain portion of the Site which encompasses approximately 5.2733 acres, bounded on the west by Kerfoot Avenue, on the north by West Main Street, and on the south by Salem Avenue, in Front Royal, Virginia. The property is separated from the manufacturing portion of the Site by a soccer field and a paved road. Because the property was not utilized for any purpose related to the manufacturing process at the Site, EPA conducted limited sampling at the property. Sampling results indicated no threat to human health, welfare or the environment.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this document receive written comments relating to the proposed Purchaser Agreement to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 14, 1999.

AVAILABILITY: The proposed Purchaser Agreement and additional background information relating to the proposed Purchaser Agreement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. A copy of the proposed Purchaser Agreement may be obtained from Suzanne Canning, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Docket Clerk (3RC00), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Comments should reference the "Avtex Fibers Superfund Site Prospective Purchaser Agreement" and "EPA Docket No. III-98-081-DC," and should be forwarded to Suzanne Canning at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis F. Ramalho (3RC21), Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Phone: (215) 814-2681.

Dated: December 8, 1998.

Thomas Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6202-9]

Proposed Settlement Pursuant to Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Regarding the Anchor Chemical Superfund Site, Hicksville, Nassau County, New York

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative settlement agreement and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region II, announces a proposed administrative cost recovery settlement pursuant to section 122(h) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h), relating to the Anchor Chemical Superfund Site ("Site"). The Site is located at 500 West John Street in Hicksville, Nassau County, New York. This document is being published pursuant to section 122(i) of CERCLA to inform the public of the proposed settlement and provide an opportunity to comment. EPA will consider any comments received during the thirty day comment period and may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement if comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

The proposed settlement between EPA and the five settling parties, Chessco Industries, Inc., K.B. Co., Kobar Construction Corp., Spiegel Associates, and Jerry Spiegel ("Respondents"), has been memorialized in an Administrative Cost Recovery Agreement (Index Number II-CERCLA-98-0214). This Agreement will become effective after the close of the public comment period, unless comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate the Agreement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate, and EPA, in accordance

with section 122(i)(3) of CERCLA, modifies or withdraws its consent to the Agreement. Under this Agreement, the Respondents will be obligated to make payment in the amount of \$575,000 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund in reimbursement of EPA's past response costs relating to the Site. The Agreement includes a covenant not to sue the settling parties pursuant to section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). Pursuant to CERCLA section 122(h)(1), the Agreement has been approved by the Attorney General or her designee.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, 17th Floor, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866, and should refer to: "Anchor Chemical Superfund Site, U.S. EPA Index No. II-CERCLA-98-0214." For a copy of the settlement document, contact the individual listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Doyle, Assistant Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 17th Floor, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007. Telephone: (212) 637-3165.

Dated: November 30, 1998.

William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 2.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

December 10, 1998.

Open Commission Meeting Thursday, December 17, 1998

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, December 17, 1998, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in Room 856, at 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Item No., Bureau and Subject

1. Common Carrier—*Title:* Implementation of the Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers Long Distance Carriers (CC Docket No. 94-129). *Summary:* The Commission will consider action to implement Section 258 of the Act, which prohibits a carrier from submitting