

construction contract that will apply to this project. Some of the measures include restricting vehicular traffic to existing access roads or public roads, re-contouring and reseeded disturbed areas, environmental awareness training for all construction and supervisory personnel, and mitigation of radio and television interference generated by transmission lines. Mitigation for the desert tortoise is in Table 3.1-5 of the Supplement Analysis.

Specific mitigation that applies to the construction of the new lines and the upgrading of the existing lines is identified in the Supplement Analysis. These measures include the following provisions:

1. A desert tortoise mitigation plan which will include compensation for unmitigated impacts;
2. Restriction of construction and routine maintenance activities along the transmission lines in bighorn sheep lambing areas between January 1 and June 30;
3. When existing conductors are replaced, non-specular conductors will be used; and
4. High-pressure sodium lights will be turned on only when maintenance personnel are present.

Floodplain/Wetlands Statement of Findings

Construction of the Southpoint Power Plant will result in substantial alteration to the natural drainage patterns onsite. However, no significant impacts to off-site drainage patterns or stormwater volumes will result from the construction of the plant or the associated facilities. The existing volume of stormwater flows, prior to construction of the plant, will be retained on site in constructed basins to minimize sheet flows.

Only minor impacts from constructing the gas pipeline are anticipated to the floodplain of the unnamed wash in the southwest corner of Section 9, Township 17 North, Range 21 West. The ground surface will remain relatively unchanged from pre-development conditions.

The electric transmission system avoids floodplains to the extent practical. The Topock Substation and associated lines are not located in designated floodplains. The existing Parker-Davis No. 1 230-kV transmission line crosses some ephemeral washes, but few transmission structures were placed in the floodplains.

No wetlands or waters of the United States will be affected by the proposed action. The proposed facilities will conform to all Tribal, State, and local floodplain protection standards.

Dated: March 19, 1999.

Michael S. HacsKaylo,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Settlement Pursuant to Section 122(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Regarding the Friedrichsohn's Cooperage, Inc. Superfund Site, Waterford, Saratoga County, NY

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative settlement 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 *de minimis* settlement pursuant to Section 122(g)(4) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(g)(4), relating to the Friedrichsohn's Cooperage, Inc. Superfund Site ("Site"), located at 153-155 Saratoga Avenue in the Town of Waterford, Saratoga County, New York. This notice is being published pursuant to Section 122(i) of CERCLA to inform the public of the proposed settlement and give the public the opportunity to comment.

The proposed settlement, between EPA and Mohawk Paper Mills, Inc., Reliable Motor Parts Co., Monsey Products Co., and American Chemical and Equipment Co., Inc. ("Respondents"), has been memorialized in an Administrative Order on Consent (Index Number II-CERCLA-98-0210). 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 the settlement, Respondents will be obligated to make payment of \$37,259.43 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund in reimbursement of EPA response costs relating to the Site. This payment is based on

documentation indicating each company contributed minimal volumes of hazardous substances to the Site. In exchange, the settling companies will receive a covenant not to sue from EPA relating to liability for the Site under Sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a).

DATES: Comments must be provided on or before May 3, 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: "Friedrichsohn's Cooperage, Inc. Superfund Site, U.S. EPA Index No. II-CERCLA-98-0210". For a copy of the settlement document, contact the individual listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Leilani Davis, 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) 637-3249.

Dated: March 9, 1999.

William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region II.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Lead-Based Paint Activities in Target Housing and Child-Occupied Facilities; The State of West Virginia's Authorization Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for comments and opportunity for public hearing.

SUMMARY: On December 17, 1998, the State of West Virginia submitted an application for EPA approval to administer and enforce training and certification requirements, training program accreditation requirements, and work practice standards for lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities under section 402 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This notice announces the receipt of West Virginia's application, provides a 45-day public comment period, and provides an opportunity to request a public hearing on the application.