

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has entered into a consent agreement with BellSouth Corporation ("BellSouth") to resolve violations of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), and its implementing regulations. BellSouth failed to prepare a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure ("SPCC") plan for five (5) facilities where it stored diesel oil in above ground tanks. EPA, as authorized by CWA section 311(b)(6), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6), has assessed a civil penalty for these violations. The Administrator, as required by CWA section 311(b)(6)(C), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(C), is hereby providing public notice of, and an opportunity for interested persons to comment on, this consent agreement and proposed final order.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before November 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments to the Enforcement & Compliance Docket and Information Center (2201A), Docket Number EC-1999-008, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. (Comments may be submitted on disk in WordPerfect 8.0 or earlier versions.) Written comments may be delivered in person to: Enforcement and Compliance Docket Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 4033, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Submit comments electronically to [doCKET.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:doCKET.oeca@epa.gov). Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The consent agreement, the proposed final order, and public comments, if any, may be reviewed at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 4033, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Persons interested in reviewing these materials must make arrangements in advance by calling the docket clerk at 202-564-2614. A reasonable fee may be charged by EPA for copying docket materials.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Davis Jones, Multimedia Enforcement Division (2248-A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-6035; fax: (202) 564-0010; e-mail: [jones.davis@epa.gov](mailto:jones.davis@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Electronic Copies:* Electronic copies of this document are available from the EPA Home Page under the link "Laws and

Regulations" at the **Federal Register**—Environmental Documents entry (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgrstr>).

**I. Background**

BellSouth Corporation, 1155 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 1700, Atlanta, GA 30309, pursuant to the EPA "Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosures, Correction and Prevention of Violations" ("Audit Policy"), 60 FR 66706 (December 22, 1995), disclosed to EPA that it failed to prepare SPCC plans for five facilities where it stored diesel oil in above ground storage tanks, in violation of the CWA section 311(b)(3) and 40 CFR Part 112. EPA determined that BellSouth met the criteria set out in the Audit Policy for a 100% waiver of the gravity component of the penalty. As a result, EPA waived the gravity based penalty (\$14,643) and proposed a settlement penalty amount three thousand, three hundred and sixty-three dollars (\$3,363). This is the amount of the economic benefit gained by BellSouth attributable to its delayed compliance with the SPCC regulations. BellSouth has agreed to pay this amount in civil penalties. EPA and BellSouth negotiated and signed an administrative consent agreement, following the Consolidated Rules of Procedure, 40 CFR 22.13, on September 30, 1999 (*In Re: BellSouth Corporation* Docket No. CWA-HQ-99-004). This consent agreement is subject to public notice and comment under CWA section 311(b)(6), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6).

Under CWA section 311(b)(6)(A), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(A), any owner, operator, or person in charge of a vessel, onshore facility, or offshore facility from which oil is discharged in violation of the CWA section 311(b)(3), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(3), or who fails or refuses to comply with any regulations that have been issued under CWA section 311(j), 33 U.S.C. 1321(j), may be assessed an administrative civil penalty of up to \$137,500 by EPA. Class II proceedings under CWA section 311(b)(6) are conducted in accordance with 40 CFR Part 22.

The procedures by which the public may comment on a proposed Class II penalty order, or participate in a Clean Water Act Class II penalty proceeding, are set forth in 40 CFR 22.45. The deadline for submitting public comment on this proposed final order is November 12, 1999. All comments will be transferred to the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB") of EPA for consideration. The powers and duties of the EAB are outlined in 40 CFR 22.04(a).

Pursuant to CWA section 311(b)(6)(C), EPA will not issue an order in this

proceeding prior to the close of the public comment period.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

**Rosemarie A. Kelley,**

*Acting Director, Multimedia Enforcement Division, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.*

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**FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the forthcoming regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

**DATE AND TIME:** The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on October 14, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vivian L. Portis, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883-4025, TDD (703) 883-4444.

**ADDRESSES:** Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-5090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available). In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

*Open Session*

## A. Approval of Minutes

1. September 29, 1999 (Closed); and
2. September 30, 1999 (Open and Closed)

## B. Reports

1. Report on Regulatory Performance Plan;
2. Sunset Law;
3. Report on Credit Conditions and Flooding in North Carolina

Dated: October 7, 1999.

**Vivian L. Portis,**

*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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