

voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by EAFB, stakeholders, the State of Alaska, and EPA. Project XL, announced in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated sources the flexibility to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits.

If implemented, the draft FPA would streamline the application, implementation, management, and renewal process for EAFB's Title V permit, through reduced monitoring and record keeping. EAFB estimates that total monitoring, record keeping, reporting, and overall management costs would decrease by about 80 percent, yielding about \$1.5 million in savings. These realized cost savings would be directed toward pollution prevention (P2) opportunities. One such P2 project involves installation of a compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station, the purchase of new CNG vehicles, and the conversion of certain base fleet vehicles to be capable of using CNG as an alternative fuel. EAFB has assembled a list of other feasible P2 opportunities available at the base, along with the estimated costs and environmental benefits of each opportunity. EPA, the State of Alaska, and EAFB have expressed a preference for hazardous air contaminant reduction projects. A supplemental agreement setting forth the specific additional P2 opportunities to be implemented will be developed with the assistance of stakeholders.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on November 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the draft Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Dave Bray, Office of Air Quality, OAQ-107, U.S. EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, or L. Nancy Birnbaum, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Room 1025WT (1802), Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be faxed to Mr. Bray at (206) 553-0110 or Ms. Birnbaum at (202) 401-2474. Comments will also be received via electronic mail sent to: bray.dave@epa.gov or birnbaum.nancy@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the draft Final Project Agreement, contact: Dave Bray, Office of Air Quality, OAQ-107, U.S. EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, or L. Nancy Birnbaum, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Room 1025WT (1802), Washington, DC 20460. The documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: "http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL". In addition, public files on the Project are

located at EPA Region 10 in Seattle. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Dave Bray at (206) 553-4253 or L. Nancy Birnbaum at (202) 260-2601. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at "http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL".

Dated: November 1, 1999.

Richard T. Farrell,

Associate Administrator, Office of Reintervention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; In Re: Blackburn and Union Privileges Superfund Site, Walpole, Massachusetts

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement for recovery of past response costs concerning the Blackburn and Union Privileges Superfund Site, Walpole, Massachusetts. The settlement requires the settling parties, the Kendall Company (a division of Tyco Healthcare Group, LP) and W.R. Grace & Co.—Conn., to reimburse the Environmental Protection Agency (the "Agency") for past response costs incurred at the Blackburn and Union Privileges Superfund Site. The settling parties will pay \$400,000 plus an additional sum for interest on that amount calculated from March 16, 1999 through the date of the payment. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling parties pursuant to section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if

comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02214.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Mailcode RAA, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, and should refer to: In re: Blackburn and Union Privileges Superfund Site, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-1-99-0027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the proposed settlement can be obtained from Peter DeCambre, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Mailcode SES, Boston, Massachusetts 02214, (617) 918-1890.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

Patricia Meaney,

Director, Office of Site Remediation and Restoration.

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OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Designation of Three (3) Additional Counties in New Mexico as Part of the New Mexico Partnership/Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

AGENCY: Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the counties of Rio Arriba, Santa Fe, and San Juan in New Mexico designated by the Director of National Drug Control Policy, as additions to the New Mexico Partnership/Southwest Border High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The New Mexico Partnership currently consists of 10 counties and municipalities New Mexico. HIDTAs are domestic regions identified as having the most critical drug trafficking problems that adversely affect the United States. These new counties are designated pursuant to 21 USC 1706 (b), as amended, to promote more effective coordination of drug control efforts. This action will support local, New Mexico, and federal law enforcement officers in assessing regional drug threats, designing strategies to combat