

case. These two cases are: *Delaware Valley Citizens' Council for Clean Air v. Browner*, No. 96-1316 (D.C. Cir.) (challenge to EPA's findings of failure to submit certain portions of the attainment demonstration), and *Delaware Valley Citizens' Council for Clean Air v. Browner*, No. 98-1079 (D.C. Cir.) (challenge to EPA's "Guidance for Implementing the 1-Hour Ozone and Pre-Existing PM10 NAAQS," issued by Richard D. Wilson, Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, dated December 29, 1997 (63 FR 8196 (Feb. 18, 1998))).

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed consent decree from persons who were not named as parties or interveners to the litigation in question. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act. Unless EPA or the Department of Justice determine, following the comment period, that consent is inappropriate, the final consent decree will be entered with the court and will establish deadlines for promulgation of federal implementation plans in the absence of approved state plans.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

Gary S. Guzy,
General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; 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 concerning the Crews Plating Superfund site, with Mr. Kent McNair.

The settlement requires the settling party to pay a total of \$27,301.44 as payment of past response costs to the Hazardous Substances Superfund. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue pursuant to section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607.

For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this document, 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 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Carl Bolden, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733 at (214) 665-6713. Comments should reference the Crews Plating Superfund Site, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, and EPA Docket Number 6-21-99, and should be addressed to Carl Bolden at the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Boydston, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733 at (214) 665-7376.

Dated: December 15, 1999.

Myron O. Knudson,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 8.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Office of Science and Technology Policy

Request for Comment on Proposed Statement of Principles of the Government-University Research Partnership

AGENCY: Office of Science and Technology Policy.

ACTION: Request for comment on proposed statement of principles of the government-university research partnership.

SUMMARY: An April 27, 1999 Presidential Memorandum directed that

the National Science and Technology Council "in consultation with research universities and other stakeholders in the Federal science and technology enterprise, shall develop a statement of principles that clearly articulates the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of each of the partners and establishes a framework for addressing future issues as they arise. Ultimately, this statement of principles will serve to shape future discussions and guide policy development and decision making." President Clinton asked that this action be completed within twelve months of the date of the memorandum. The findings and recommendations contained in the NSTC report on *Renewing the Federal Government-University Research Partnership for the 21st Century* should provide the basis for proceeding. The report proposed a draft statement of principles developed by the NSTC and recommended that it be finalized in consultation with the interested community. As part of this process, this notice seeks public comment.

DATES: The Office of Science and Technology Policy welcomes comments on the proposed policy. In order to be assured consideration, comments must be postmarked no later than February 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to Dr. Arthur Bienenstock, Associate Director for Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Washington, DC 20502. The entire NSTC report may be viewed electronically by going to the following web site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OSTP/html/rand/index.htm>. In order to provide comments electronically, click on "Your comments," then on "Click here to provide your electronic comments."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne-Marie Mazza, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Washington, DC 20502. Tel: 202-456-6040; Fax: 202-456-6027; e-mail: amazza@ostp.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In order for the partnership between the Federal government and the university community to thrive, there must be a clear understanding on the part of both parties of the goals of the partnership and the responsibilities of the partners. The following questions sometimes arise in consideration of this partnership: Why does the Federal government invest in university research? What is the role of graduate students in the research enterprise? On what basis are the costs of research allocated among the parties? Federal