

ACTION: Proposed partial deletion of the California Gulch Superfund Site from the National Priorities List.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to delete Operable Unit 10 (OU10) of the California Gulch Superfund Site, located in Leadville, Colorado, from the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution and Contingency Plan (NCP), which EPA promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA). This action is being taken because EPA, with concurrence from the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), has determined that all appropriate response actions have been taken and that no further response at the Site is appropriate.

A detailed rationale for this Proposal to Delete is set forth in the direct final rule which can be found in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**. The direct final rule is being published because EPA views this deletion action as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no significant adverse or critical comments. If no significant adverse or critical comments are received, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives significant adverse or critical comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments concerning this action must be received by EPA by March 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Rebecca Thomas, Remedial Project Manager, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, Mail Code 8EPR-SR, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202. Telephone: (303) 312-6552.

Information Repositories: Comprehensive information on the California Gulch Site is available through the EPA, Region 8 public docket, which is located at the EPA, Region 8 Superfund Records Center. The address for the Region 8 Superfund Records Center is: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, Superfund Records Center, 999 18th Street, 5th Floor, Denver, CO 80202, Telephone (303) 312-6473.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Thomas (EPR-SR), Remedial Project Manager, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, Mail Code 8EPR-SR, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80202. Telephone: (303) 312-6552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(2); 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657, E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923; 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193.

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National Oil and Hazardous Substances; Pollution Contingency Plan National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed partial deletion of portions of the Department of Energy (DOE) Mound Superfund Site (Mound Site) known as release block D and release block H from the national priorities list (NPL).

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to delete Release Block D, a 12-acre parcel of property along the eastern border of the Mound Site, containing two industrial buildings. This proposal also pertains to Release Block H, a 14 acre parcel of property consisting of the Mound plant parking lot portions of the Department of Energy Mound Superfund Site from the NPL. This proposal also requests public comment on this action. The NPL constitutes appendix B to Part 300 of the National and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), which U.S. EPA promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) as amended. EPA has determined that these portions of the Site currently pose no significant threat to public health or the environment, as defined by CERCLA, and therefore, further remedial measures under CERCLA are not appropriate. EPA is

publishing this proposed rule without prior notification because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no dissenting comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no dissenting comments are received, the deletion will become effective. If EPA receives dissenting comments, the direct final action will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments concerning this Action must be received by March 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Timothy Fischer, Remedial Project Manager, or Gladys Beard, Associate Remedial Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (SR-6J), 77 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL 60604. Comprehensive information on this Site is available through the public docket, which is available for viewing at the Site Information Repositories at the following locations: U.S. EPA Region 5, Administrative Records 7th Floor, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604 (312)-886-0900; and The CERCLA Public Reading Room, Miamisburg Senior Adult Center, 305 Central Avenue, Miamisburg, OH 45342.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy Fischer, Remedial Project Manager, at (312) 886-5787 or Gladys Beard, Associate Remedial Project Manager at (312) 886-7253. Written correspondence can be directed to either Mr. Fischer or Ms. Beard at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (SR-6J) 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the Direct Final Action which is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657; 33 U.S.C. 1321 (c) (2); E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp.; p. 351; E. O. 12580, 52 FR 2923, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp.; p. 193.

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