

inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 18, 2001.

**Availability:** The Purchaser Agreement and additional background information relating to the Purchaser Agreement are available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. A copy of the Purchaser Agreement may be obtained from Natalie L. Katz (3RC42), Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Comments should reference the "Exeter Superfund Site, Prospective Purchaser Agreement" and "EPA Docket No. CERC-PPA-2000-0005," and should be forwarded to Natalie Katz at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Natalie L. Katz (3RC42), Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Phone: (215) 814-2615.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

**Thomas C. Voltaggio,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6953-4]

**Notice of Proposed Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Metro-Plating Site**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**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"), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative cost recovery settlement under section 122(h)(1) of CERCLA concerning the Metro-Plating Superfund site in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. The settlement resolves an EPA claim under section 107(a) of CERCLA against Jerome W. Crawford. The settlement requires the settling party to pay \$2,000 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund and includes a covenant not to sue the settling party pursuant to section 107(a)

of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). However, the agreement does not protect the settling party from the following: (1) The settling party's failure to abide by the terms of the agreement; (2) costs incurred or to be incurred by the settling party that do not meet the definition of past response costs; (3) the settling party's liability for injunctive relief or administrative order enforcement under section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606; (4) criminal liability; and (5) natural resource damages.

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 the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 Records Center, 7th Floor, 77 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 18, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed settlement and additional background information relating to the settlement are available for public inspection at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 Records Center, 7th Floor, 77 West Jackson Blvd, Chicago, Illinois 60604. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from William Ryczek, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Mail Code SE-5J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-7184. Comments should reference the Metro-Plating Superfund site, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan and EPA Docket No. ZW00C615 and should be addressed to William Ryczek at the address shown above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Ryczek, U.S. EPA Region 5, Mail Code SE-5J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-7184.

Dated: February 27, 2001.

**William E. Munro,**

*Director, Superfund Division, Region 5.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-6953-8]

**Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of Proposed Determinations That Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) Are Not Needed**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability for comment of EPA's determination that TMDLs are not needed for 26 waterbody/pollutant combinations in the Mermentau and Vermilion/Teche River Basins because new data and information show that water quality standards are being met. This proposed action would result in the removal of 26 waterbody/pollutant combinations from the Louisiana 303(d) list. EPA prepared the proposed determinations in response to a court order dated October 1, 1999, in the lawsuit *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.). Under this court order, EPA is required to prepare TMDLs when needed for waters on the Louisiana 1998 section 303(d) list by December 31, 2007. The court order also requires EPA to add or delete waters to the schedule as new data confirms that waters are or are not meeting water quality standards.

**DATES:** Comments on the 26 proposed determinations that TMDLs are not needed must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before April 18, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed determinations should be sent to Ellen Caldwell, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733. For further information, contact Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513. The administrative record file for the proposed determinations is available for public inspection at this address as well. Documents from the administrative record file may be viewed at [www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm), or obtained by calling or writing Ms. Caldwell at the above address. Please contact Ms. Caldwell to schedule an inspection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1996, two Louisiana environmental groups, the Sierra Club and Louisiana Environmental Action Network (plaintiffs), filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the EPA, styled *Sierra*