

considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303, 404-562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of publication.

Dated: August 2, 2001.

**James T. Miller,**

*Acting Chief, CERCLA Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7006-1]

### Proposed CERCLA Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement; Peterson Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site, Cumberland, RI

**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 for recovery of past response costs concerning Operable Unit Two of the Peterson Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site in Cumberland, Rhode Island with the following settling parties: Bestfoods and CCL Custom Manufacturing, Inc. The settlement requires the settling parties to pay \$609,754.87 plus an additional sum for interest on that amount calculated from April 13, 2001 through the date of payment to the Hazardous Substance Superfund. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling parties pursuant to sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a). For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the United States Environmental Protection Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The United States 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 United States Environmental Protection Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the Cumberland Public Library, Cumberland, Rhode Island, the Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, Rhode Island and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 17, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Diane Boudrot, Office of Environmental Stewardship, U.S. EPA, Region 1, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (SES), Boston, MA 02114, (617) 918-1776. Comments should reference the Peterson Puritan, Inc. Superfund Site, Cumberland, Rhode Island and EPA Docket No. CERCLA 01-2001-0057 and should be addressed to Michelle Lauterback, Office of Environmental Stewardship, U.S. EPA, Region 1, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (SES), Boston, MA 02114.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For legal questions, Michelle Lauterback, Office of Environmental Stewardship, U.S. EPA, Region 1, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (SES), Boston, MA 02114, (617) 918-1774 or for technical questions, Dave Newton, Office of Site Remediation and Restoration, U.S. EPA, Region 1, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (HBO), Boston, MA 02114, (617) 918-1243.

Dated: June 21, 2001.

**Richard Cavagnero,**

*Acting Director, Office of Site Remediation and Restoration, Region 1.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7034-7]

### (PRC Patterson Superfund Removal Site); Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given of an proposed Administrative Order on Consent ("AOC," Region 9 Docket No. 2000-15) pursuant to Section 122(h) of CERCLA concerning the PRC Patterson Superfund Removal Site (the "Site"), located in Patterson, California. The respondents to the AOC include all parties that participated or cooperated in the removal action to the satisfaction of EPA, except Chevron U.S.A. Inc. and Atlantic Richfield Company, which are negotiating individual settlements in recognition of their distinct commitments at the Site. Through the proposed AOC the respondents will complete the removal action addressing certain above ground storage tanks at the Site. The AOC provides the respondents with a covenant not to sue and contribution protection for matters addressed in the AOC. To date, EPA has incurred approximately \$900,000.00 in response costs related to the Site; however, EPA's response costs incurred at the Site are less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total costs of the response action at the Site. EPA is waiving all claims for recovery of its response costs against the respondents consistent with EPA's established policy regarding allocation of "orphan shares," which are those of potentially responsible parties that are insolvent or defunct. EPA anticipates recovery of all or a significant portion of its costs from other potentially responsible parties at the Site. For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this Notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the proposed AOC. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at EPA's Region IX offices, located at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 17, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed AOC may be obtained from Danielle Carr, Hearing Clerk, telephone (415) 744-1389. Comments regarding the proposed AOC should be addressed to Danielle Carr (ORC-3) at 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, and should reference the PRC Patterson Superfund Removal Site, and Region IX Docket No. 2000-15.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. Andrew Helmlinger, Office of Regional Counsel, (415) 744-1325, U.S.