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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shirley R. Hamilton, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, (8701R), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-6853.

Dated: January 14, 2002.

**Peter W. Preuss,**

*Director, National Center for Environmental Research.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7129-9]

### Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to grant an exclusive patent license.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404, EPA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing revocable license to practice the invention described and claimed in the patent application listed below, all U.S. patents issuing therefrom, and all reexamined and reissued patents granted in the United States in connection with such patent application to Corus Consulting Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The patent application is:

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/440,965, entitled "Hydrogel Alginate Compositions," filed May 15, 1995, and claiming priority from U.S. Patent Application 07/857,046, entitled "Use of Immobilized Film Bioreactor," filed March 25, 1992.

The invention was announced as being available for licensing in the April 26, 1995 issue of the **Federal Register** (60 FR 20490), citing another application in the series, U.S. Patent

Application 08/084,985, entitled "Use of Immobilized Film Bioreactor," filed July 2, 1993.

EPA has authority under 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) to proceed without a notice of availability when expeditious granting of the license will best serve the interest of the Federal government and the public. Under that authority, EPA has decided not to issue a notice of availability because an earlier application in the family of inventions was announced as available for licensing and because the only applicant, Corus Consulting, has filed an application for an exclusive license under 37 CFR 404.8 and is prepared to enter into an exclusive license agreement.

The proposed exclusive license will contain appropriate terms, limitations and conditions to be negotiated in accordance with the limitations and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.5 and 404.7 of the U.S. Government patent licensing regulations.

EPA will negotiate the final terms and conditions and grant the exclusive license, unless within 30 days from the date of this Notice, EPA receives, at the address below, written objections to the grant, together with supporting documentation. The documentation from objecting parties having an interest in practicing the above patent application should include an application for exclusive or nonexclusive license with the information set forth in 37 CFR 404.8. The EPA Patent Counsel and other EPA officials will review all written responses and then make recommendations on a final decision to the Director of the National Risk Management Research Laboratory, who has been delegated the authority to issue patent licenses under EPA Delegation 1-55.

**DATES:** Comments to this notice must be received by EPA at the address listed below by February 19, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Alan Ehrlich, Patent Counsel, Office of General Counsel (Mail Code 2377A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 564-5457.

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**Robert A. Friedrich,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7130-1]

### Intent To Assign an Invention

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to assign an invention.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 202(e)(1) and 207 and 37 CFR part 404, EPA hereby gives notice of its intent to assign ownership of the invention described and claimed in the patent application listed below, all U.S. patents issuing therefrom, all corresponding patents granted and issued throughout the world, and all reexamined and reissued patents granted in connection with such patent application to the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. The patent application is:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/992,544, entitled "A Technology for Continuous Measurement of Coarse Particle Mass Concentration," filed November 13, 2001.

Title 35 U.S.C. 202(e)(1) requires that assignment of rights to an invention be made in accordance with the provisions of chapter 18 of 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, EPA is required to follow the procedures set out in 37 CFR part 404, Licensing of Government Owned Inventions, which implement chapter 18, in order to issue the assignment. Normally, 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) requires an agency to issue both a notice of availability of an invention for exclusive licensing or assignment, as well as a notice of intent to grant the exclusive license or issue the assignment. However, EPA has authority under 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) to proceed without a notice of availability when expeditious transfer of rights will best serve the interest of the Federal government and the public. Under that authority, EPA has decided not to issue a notice of availability of this invention for licensing or assignment. The University of Southern California is co-owner by assignment from its employee inventor of an undivided interest in the invention. It is unlikely that any other party would be willing to take a license or assignment from EPA on a patent application or patent encumbered by co-ownership. Furthermore, the University of Southern California has identified a potential licensee of the University who is requesting an exclusive license of the University. The University cannot grant an exclusive license until it has obtained the exclusive license or assignment of EPA's co-ownership.