

(NOAA)/Department of Commerce; the Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Ocean Sciences/National Science Foundation (NSF); the Office of Naval Research (ONR)/Department of Defense; and the Office of Earth Science/National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) are cooperating in an opportunity for investigators to propose activities to address fundamental ecological and oceanographic questions related to the national harmful algal bloom (HAB) problem.

This announcement provides an opportunity for investigators to propose activities that address areas in the national problem of harmful algal blooms. The primary goal of this interagency program is to provide support for projects that are part of an integrated national effort to address HAB problems. Thus, ECOHAB will consider support for projects ranging from relatively small targeted laboratory or field studies by individual investigators or small teams, to regional studies involving larger teams of investigators conducting coordinated, well-integrated multi-disciplinary field programs.

All studies should address fundamental ecological and oceanographic questions related to HABs. Additionally, larger, regionally focused studies should attempt to determine the linkages between HAB species and their surrounding environments. Modeling efforts should be an integral part of these larger studies and these applications should also identify potential user communities for models and results. Investigators are encouraged to list specific management needs identified in the regional community, document the management sources, and also document how research results will meet those needs.

ECOHAB agencies will consider a wide range of studies for support. Examples of topic areas for proposed projects are provided in the complete announcement (see the **SUMMARY** in this announcement).

ECOHAB will support projects ranging from laboratory studies by individual investigators or small teams, up to larger teams of investigators conducting coordinated, well-integrated, multi-disciplinary regional field studies or cross-regional comparative studies. For individuals and small teams, support may be requested for 1–3 years duration. Projects focused on multi-disciplinary regional studies may request support for 3 to 5 years duration. However, the size and duration of the latter studies are dependent on appropriations, and potential applicants must obtain

permission from the ECOHAB Coordinator (see **CONTACTS** in this announcement) to submit a regional or cross-regional study.

Eligibility: Institutions of higher education and not-for-profit institutions located in the U.S., and State or local governments, are eligible under all existing authorizations. Some participating agencies are authorized to make awards to international institutions, and commercial organizations located in the U.S. Federal agencies and laboratories are eligible if they can produce certifications or documentation which clearly show that they have specific legal authority to receive funds from another Federal agency in excess of their appropriations. Funding for salaries of full time Federal employees will not be allowed. Applications from non-Federal and Federal applicants will be evaluated under the same review/selection process. Proposals from non-Federal applicants that are selected for funding will be funded through a project grant or cooperative agreement under the terms of this announcement. Proposals from Federal agencies or laboratories deemed acceptable and selected for funding will be funded through a medium other than a grant or cooperative agreement, such as inter- or intra-agency transfers, where legal authority exists for such funding. Note that this announcement is not proposing to procure goods and services from Federal applicants; therefore the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535) is not an appropriate legal basis.

How to Apply: The original and eighteen (18) copies of the fully developed application (19 in all) and one (1) additional copy of the abstract, prepared in accordance with the full announcement, must be received by NOAA no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date, January 28, 2004.

Program Authorities: For COP: 33 U.S.C. 883d and Pub. L. 105–383; for Office of Protected Resources/NOAA: 16 U.S.C. 1382 and 16 U.S.C. 1421a; EPA: 33 U.S.C 1251 *et seq.* and 40 CFR parts 30 and 40; for NSF: 42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.*; for ONR: 10 U.S.C 2358 as amended and 31 U.S.C 6304; and for NASA: 14 CFR part 1260.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers. 11.478 for the Coastal Ocean Program; 11.472 for NOAA/Office of Protected Resources; 66.509 for the Environmental Protection Agency; 47.050 for the National Science Foundation, and 12.300 for the Office of Naval Research.

Dated: October 27, 2003.

John C. Puzak,

Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Research.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–7582–9]

Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Regarding the Global Landfill Superfund Site, Middlesex County, NJ

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative settlement and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection (EPA) is proposing to enter into an administrative settlement to resolve claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended. Notice is being published to inform the public of the proposed settlement and of the opportunity to comment. The administrative settlement is intended to resolve the United States' claims for past response costs against the following potentially responsible parties ("PRPs"): Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc.; Chevron Chemical Company; Consolidated Edison Company of New York; E.I. Dupont de Nemours & Co.; FMC Corporation; Jersey Central Power & Light Company d/b/a GPU Energy; Gerdau AmeriSteel-Perth Amboy Mill f/k/a Co-Steel Raritan, f/k/a River Steel Company; Shell Oil Company; Johnson & Johnson; and Merck & Co., Inc. (collectively, "Settling Parties"). The administrative settlement concerns the Global Landfill Superfund Site located in Middlesex County, New Jersey.

In accordance with section 122(h)(i)(1) of CERCLA, notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the Global Landfill Superfund Site located in Middlesex County, New Jersey. Section 122(h) of CERCLA provides EPA with the authority to consider, compromise and settle certain claims for costs incurred by the United States.

Pursuant to the administrative settlement, the Settling Parties will pay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \$474,000 as reimbursement of past response costs incurred by EPA in

connection with the Site. Past response costs are defined as response costs incurred by EPA on or prior to May 19, 2001.

EPA will consider any comments received during the comment period and may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed settlement if comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. EPA's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th floor, New York, New York 10007-1866. Telephone: (212) 637-3111.

DATES: Comments must be provided by December 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office, of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th Floor, New York, NY 10007 and should refer to: In the Matter of the Global Landfill Superfund Site, U.S. EPA Index No. II CERCLA-02-2003-2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th Floor, New York, NY 10007, (212) 637-3111.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A copy of the proposed administrative settlement, as well as background information relating to the settlement, may be obtained in person or by mail from Juan Fajardo, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, 290 Broadway—17th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Telephone: (212) 637-3132.

Dated: October 17, 2003.

George Pavlou,

Director, Emergency & Remedial Response Division, Region 2.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7582-7]

Proposed CERCLA Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement; Pellestar Site, Negaunee, MI

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"), 42 U.S.C.

9622(i), notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement which includes compromise of past response costs incurred in connection with the Pellestar site in Negaunee, Michigan with the following settling parties: Carpenter Technology Corporation; Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company; General Motors Corporation; Howmet Corporation; Ispat Inland Inc.; Technology Development Corporation and its subsidiaries, including Pellet Technology Corporation; and TRW Vehicle Safety Systems, Inc. The settlement requires the settling parties to perform a removal action at the site and reimburse U.S. EPA for its costs incurred after April 1, 2003 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund. Past costs (U.S. EPA costs incurred prior to April 1, 2003) in the amount of \$118,328 are being compromised in consideration of the settling parties' commitment to perform the removal and pay all costs after April 1, 2003. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling parties pursuant to section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). 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 site record repository in the Negaunee Public Library, 319 W. Case in Negaunee, Michigan, and at the U.S. EPA Record Center, Room 714, U.S. EPA, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

DATES: Comments must be submitted to U.S. EPA on or before December 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at the U.S. EPA Record Center, Room 714, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from U.S. EPA Record Center, Room 714, U.S. EPA, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois or by calling tel. # (312)-353-5821. Comments should reference the Pellestar site in Negaunee, Michigan and EPA Docket No. V-W-04-C-761 and should be addressed to Mr. Jerome Kujawa, U.S. EPA Office of Regional Counsel (C-14J), 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jerome Kujawa, U.S. EPA Office of

Regional Counsel (C-14J) at 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604 or at tel. # (312) -886-6731.

Dated: October 22, 2003.

William E. Muno,

Director, Superfund Division, Region 5.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than November 17, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Richard M. Todd, Vice President and Community Affairs Officer) 90 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Michael Dennis Watters*, Lakeville, Minnesota, to gain control of Provincial Corp., Lakeville, Minnesota, and thereby indirectly gain control of Provincial Bank, Lakeville, Minnesota.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 29, 2003.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or