

project to allow recirculation of leachate using an alternative landfill liner design will apply only to the Buncombe County Landfill in Asheville, North Carolina and the specific landfill cells at that landfill. Modifications to the terms and conditions pertaining to this XL pilot project are contained in the Final Project Agreement (FPA), on which EPA is requesting comment today. The FPA sets forth the intentions of EPA, Buncombe County, and the State of North Carolina with regard to the implementation of the project and the expected benefits. After review of the comments received during the public comment period and revision of the FPA, as appropriate, the FPA modification will be signed by representatives from the EPA, the State of North Carolina, and Buncombe County.

The legal implementing mechanism for this project is a site-specific rule. The proposed rule was made available for public comment on April 16, 2001 (66 FR 19403). The final rule was promulgated on August 22, 2001 (66 FR 44061). Through the final rule, the design of the bioreactor landfill is enforceable in the same way that current RCRA standards for landfills are enforceable to ensure that management of nonhazardous solid waste is performed in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment. The Final Project Agreement and the site-specific rule do not in any way affect the provisions or applicability of any other existing or future regulations.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on December 8, 2003.

ADDRESSEES: All comments on the modification to the Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Sherri Walker, U.S. EPA, Ariel Rios Building, Mail Code 1807, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be received via electronic mail sent to: walker.sherri@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the Project Fact Sheet or the Final Project Agreement, contact: Sherri Walker, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 1807, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. The FPA and related documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: <http://www.epa.gov/projectxl/buncombe/index.htm>. In addition, the original FPA and modified FPA are available at the Buncombe County General Services Department, 30 Valley Street, Asheville, NC. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Sherri Walker at (202) 566-2186. To

be included on the Buncombe County Project XL mailing list about future public meetings, XL progress reports and other mailings from Buncombe County on the XL project, contact Bob Hunter, Director, Buncombe County General Services Department, (828) 250-5466. For information on all other aspects of the XL Program, contact Donna Perla at the following address: Office of Policy and Environmental Innovation, U.S. EPA, Mail Code 1807, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, regional XL contacts, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/projectxl>.

Dated: October 31, 2003.

Donna Perla,

Acting Director, Office of Environmental Policy Innovation.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Notice of Agency Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given that at 10:49 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met in closed session to consider matters relating to the Corporation's corporate activities.

In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of Director James E. Gilleran (Director, Office of Thrift Supervision), seconded by Vice Chairman John M. Reich, concurred in by Director John D. Hawke, Jr. (Comptroller of the Currency), and Chairman Donald E. Powell, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters on less than seven days' notice to the public; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsection (c)(2) of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2)).

The meeting was held in the Board Room of the FDIC Building located at 550—17th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: November 4, 2003.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Valerie J. Best,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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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 bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than December 1, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (A. Linwood Gill, III, Vice President) 701 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23261-4528:

1. *New Century Bancorp, Inc.*, Dunn, North Carolina; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of New Century Bank of Fayetteville, Fayetteville, North Carolina.