

“regulatory actions” (defined to be the same as “rules” subject to the RFA) on tribal, state, and local governments and the private sector. However, general NPDES permits are not “rules” subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b), and is therefore not subject to the RFA.

Signed this 10th day of October, 2008.

Michael F. Gearheard,

*Director, Office of Water and Watersheds,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 10.*

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Proposed Agreement and Covenant Not To Sue for 2800 South Sacramento Superfund Site (a/k/a “Celotex Site”), Chicago, IL

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”).

ACTION: Notice of proposed agreement; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a proposed Agreement and Covenant Not to Sue (Prospective Purchaser Agreement) acquisition of the 2800 Sacramento Superfund Site (the “Celotex Site”) by the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District (“City Parties”) has been negotiated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the City Parties subject to the final review and approval of the EPA and the U.S. Department of Justice. The proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement relates to the City Parties’ plan to take ownership of the land and build a park at the Celotex Site. The City Parties are not Potentially Responsible Parties at the Site. Pursuant to the Prospective Purchaser Agreement, the City Parties will develop the property as a public park utilizing certain sustainable development practices, in exchange for a covenant by EPA not to sue the City Parties regarding the Existing Contamination at the Site pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* (“CERCLA”).

DATES: EPA will receive written comments by November 20, 2008 relating to the above referenced Prospective Purchaser Agreement. EPA will consider all comments received and will only sign the Prospective Purchaser Agreement after the public comment period has ended and after it has considered all comments received.

ADDRESSES: EPA’s response to any comments and the proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement is available for public inspection at the EPA Superfund Record Center, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590. Comments and request for copies of the proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement should be addressed to Karen L. Peaceman, Associate Regional Counsel, EPA Region 5, Mail Code C-14J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590; E-mail: Peaceman.karen@epa.gov and should reference the 2800 South Sacramento Avenue Superfund Site, Chicago, Illinois. A copy of the proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement may also be found at <http://www.epa.gov/region5/sites/celotex/index.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen L. Peaceman, Associate Regional Counsel, EPA Region 5, Mail Code C-14J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590, (312) 353-5751.

Dated: October 10, 2008.

Richard C. Karl,

Director, Superfund Division, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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U.S. EPA’s National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards Presentation During the Water Environment Federation’s Technical Exposition and Conference (WEFTEC), and Announcement of 2008 National Awards Winners

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency recognized municipalities and industries for outstanding and innovative technological achievements in wastewater treatment and pollution abatement programs. An inscribed plaque was presented to first and second place national winners at the annual Clean Water Act Recognition Awards presentation during the Water Environment Federation’s Technical Exposition and Conference (WEFTEC). Recognition is made for outstanding programs and projects in operations and maintenance at wastewater treatment facilities, biosolids management and public acceptance, municipal

implementation and enforcement of local pretreatment programs, cost-effective storm water controls, and combined sewer overflow controls. This action announces the 2008 national awards winners.

DATES: Monday, October 20, 2008, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The national awards presentation ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Clean Water Act Recognition Awards are authorized by section 501(a) and (e) of the Clean Water Act, and 33 U.S.C. 1361(a) and (e). Applications and nominations for the national awards are recommended by EPA regions. The regulation that establishes the framework for the annual recognition awards program is at 40 CFR part 105. EPA announced the availability of application and nomination information for this year’s awards (73 FR 16299, March 27, 2008). The awards program enhances national awareness of municipal wastewater treatment and encourages public support of programs targeted to protecting the public’s health and safety and the nation’s water quality. State water pollution control agencies and EPA regional offices make recommendations to headquarters for the national awards. Programs and projects being recognized are in compliance with applicable water quality requirements and have a satisfactory record with respect to environmental quality. Municipalities and industries are recognized for their demonstrated creativity and technological achievements in five awards categories as follows:

- (1) Outstanding Operations and Maintenance practices at wastewater treatment facilities;
- (2) Exemplary Biosolids Management projects, technology/innovation or development activities, research and public acceptance efforts;
- (3) Pretreatment Program Excellence;
- (4) Stormwater Management Excellence; and,
- (5) Outstanding Combined Sewer Overflow Control programs. The winners of the EPA’s 2008 National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards are listed below by category.