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Director, New Chemicals Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R9-2025-09; FRL-13245-01-R9]

Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Agreement for Recovery of Past Response Costs at Refrigerant Exchange Corporation Site, Irwindale, CA

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (“CERCLA”), notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), has entered into a proposed settlement, embodied in an Administrative Settlement Agreement for Recovery of Past Response Costs for Response Action (“Settlement Agreement”) with Refrigerant Exchange Corporation (WY) and Refrigerant Exchange Corporation (NV), collectively referred to as REFEX. Under the Settlement Agreement, REFEX agrees to reimburse EPA’s response costs with the net proceeds from the sale of the Refrigerant Exchange Site in Irwindale, California.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Please contact Marley Kimelman at kimelman.marley@epa.gov or (202) 564-1524 to request a copy of the Settlement Agreement or visit <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/09/100046448.pdf>. Comments on the Settlement Agreement should be submitted in writing and addressed to Marley Kimelman at kimelman.marley@epa.gov. Comments should reference the Refrigerant Exchange Corporation Site, Irwindale, California and the EPA Docket Number for the Settlement Agreement, EPA-R9-2025-09. If for any reason you are not able to submit a comment by email, please contact Marley Kimelman at (202) 564-1524 to make alternative arrangements for submitting your comment. EPA will post its response to comments at <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/CurSites/csitininfo.cfm?id=0920137>, EPA’s web page for the Refrigerant Exchange Corporation Site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marley Kimelman, Assistant Regional Counsel (ORC-3), Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; phone: (202) 564-1524; email: kimelman.marley@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this Settlement Agreement is made in accordance with the Attorney General’s authority to compromise and settle claims of the United States, consistent with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (“CERCLA”), 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 9601 through 9675. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, REFEX agrees to reimburse EPA’s \$2.56 million in past response costs through the sale of the Refrigerant Exchange Site within five years. In exchange, the United States will provide REFEX with a covenant not to sue or to take administrative action against REFEX pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a). EPA will consider all comments received on the Settlement Agreement in accordance with the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this Notice and may modify or withdraw its consent to the Settlement Agreement if comments received disclose facts or considerations that indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

Michael Montgomery,

Director, Superfund Division, U.S. EPA, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R05-SFUND-2025-2037; FRL 13005-01-R5]

Request for Public Comment on Settlement Agreement for Battery and Electronics Recycling Inc. Site, Dane County, Wisconsin

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (“CERCLA”), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), Region 5, hereby gives notice of a proposed *De Minimis* administrative settlement for recovery of past response costs concerning the Battery and Electronics Recycling Site (Site) in Dane County, Wisconsin with

the following Settling Parties and Respondents: Logistics Recycling, Inc.; Interstate All-Battery, Center of the Tri-States; Columbus Ohio Battery, LLC d/b/a IBS of Columbus, Inc.; Carl H. Reinhold, Inc. d/b/a Interstate All Battery Center of Harrisburg; Voltman Batteries; Laptop Battery Express; and J.T. All-Battery Center LLC/Interstate All-Battery Center.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R05-SFUND-2025-2037, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this rulemaking. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the “Public Participation” heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Schwer, Enforcement Investigator, Superfund & Emergency Management Division, Region 5, EPA, 77 West Jackson Blvd. (SE-5J); telephone number: 312-353-8752; email address: schwer.don@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The settlement requires the Respondents to pay \$528,658.88 in past response costs pursuant to section 122(g) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(g). The settlement includes a covenant not to sue pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, relating to the Site, subject to limited reservations, and protection from contribution actions or claims as provided by Section 113(f)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9613(f)(2). For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will receive written comments relating to this settlement. EPA will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations that indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. EPA’s response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at <https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitininfo.cfm?id=0511845>.