

Summary: EPA agrees with the conclusion that the weekly pollock landings and fish waste discharges by inshore processors during summer months raises environmental concerns about impacts to water quality. EPA recommends that the ROD commit to monitoring and follow-up mitigation measures to ensure that significant degradation of water quality and habitat do not result from the amendment.

ERP No. FE-NOA-L64015-AK Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures in the Alaska Groundfish Fisheries, Fishery Management Plans for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area, AK.

Summary: EPA continues to have environmental concerns about the population viability of Steller sea lions.

Dated: March 26, 2002.

B. Katherine Biggs,

Associate Director, NEPA Compliance, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7164-9]

National Symposium: Designating Attainable Uses for the Nation's Waters

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing plans for a national symposium on the topic of "Designating Attainable Uses for the Nation's Waters." Interested citizens, government officials, and regulated parties are invited to attend the symposium. Potential speakers are invited to submit abstracts of presentations for consideration as case studies or new approaches addressing this topic. Many interested parties have expressed to EPA the need for additional guidance on establishing the protection levels or "designated uses" of waterbodies (e.g., aquatic life, recreation, navigation) and the process to follow when making designated uses more or less protective. EPA believes it is important to resolve questions concerning use designations and is considering developing guidance addressing key questions. This symposium will help EPA hear diverse views on this subject.

DATES: The symposium will be held on June 3-4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The symposium will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cara Lalley, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Mail Code 4305, Washington, DC 20460; (202) 260-0314; lalley.cara@epa.gov; or visit <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/symposium>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This symposium will include a series of short (15 minute) presentations, grouped by topic, by speakers selected from among those submitting abstracts in response to this announcement. It may also include short panel presentations, small group discussions, or an open comment session. Check <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/symposium> in May for a draft agenda.

If you need special accommodations at this meeting (for example, wheelchair access or sign language translators), you should contact Cara Lalley at (202) 260-0314 by May 24, 2002 so that EPA can make appropriate arrangements.

Dated: March 22, 2002.

Geoffrey H. Grubbs,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7165-9]

Proposed Administrative Order on Consent With Compromise of CERCLA Response Costs

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

ACTION: Proposed AOC.

SUMMARY: U.S. EPA is proposing to issue an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) under section 106 of CERCLA at the Old American Zinc (OAZ) Superfund Site. Respondent has agreed to perform a clean up of all hazardous soil and site-related material in residential and other at-risk areas adjacent to the Site, as well as to establish control monitoring of off-site migrating air and liquid materials in order to prevent recontamination, in return for U.S. EPA waiving past response costs of approximately \$71,847.55. U.S. EPA today is proposing to issue this AOC waiver of past costs because it achieves a necessary removal action at a Site where there is a problem of air-borne contamination of a nearby residential and high-risk area.

DATES: Comments on this proposed settlement must be received by April 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed settlement are available at the following address for review: (It is recommended that you telephone Ms. Janet Pope at (312) 353-0628 before visiting the Region V Office). Ms. Janet Pope, OPA (P-19J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, Office of Superfund, Removal and Enforcement Response Branch, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Comments on this proposed settlement should be addressed to: (Please submit an original and three copies, if possible) Ms. Janet Pope, Community Relations Coordinator, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard (P-19J), Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-0628.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Janet Pope, Office of Public Affairs, at (312) 353-0628.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OAZ Site is 132 acres in size and consists of the central Site that once held a smelter facility, and surrounding residential, industrial and commercial properties. The Site is bordered by Delmar Street on the north; Kings Highway and Rose Creek on the east; 45th Street on the west; and, railroad tracks of the Penn Central and Baltimore and Ohio lines on the south. The Site was discovered by the Illinois EPA in 1994. U.S. EPA became involved with the Site in 1999. After initial sampling and a November 1999 Site Assessment, U.S. EPA determined that contaminants of concern at the Site included arsenic, cadmium, lead and zinc. U.S. EPA determined that this represented an imminent and substantial threat to human health. After general notice and negotiations, between September 2000 and February 2002, U.S. EPA and the Respondent achieved an AOC for the removal action at the residential and other properties adjacent to the Site. In exchange for completion of the removal, U.S. EPA has offered the Respondent contribution protection, a covenant not to sue and waiver of the past response costs associated with the Site. These costs total approximately \$71,847.55.

A 30-day period, beginning on the date of publication, is open pursuant to section 122(i) of CERCLA for comments on the proposed settlement.

Comments should be sent to Ms. Janet Pope of the Office of Public Affairs (P-19J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, 77 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

This action is taken under the authority of 42 U.S.C. section 122(i).

Wendy L. Carney,

Acting Director, Superfund Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7165-6]

Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and Determinations That TMDLs Are Not Needed

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability for comment of the administrative record file for 98 TMDLs and the calculations for these TMDLs prepared by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in the Calcasieu and Ouachita river basins, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). These TMDLs were completed in response to a court

order in the lawsuit *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.).

This notice also announces the availability for comment of EPA determinations that TMDLs are not needed for 20 waterbody/pollutant combinations in the Calcasieu and Ouachita river basins because new data and information show that water quality standards are being met. This proposed action would result in the removal of 20 waterbody/pollutant combinations from the Louisiana 303(d) list.

DATES: Comments must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before April 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the 98 TMDLs and the determinations that TMDLs are not needed for 20 waterbody/pollutant combinations should be sent to Ellen Caldwell, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733. For further information, contact Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513. The administrative record file for these TMDLs and the determinations

that TMDLs are not needed are available for public inspection at this address as well. Documents from the administrative record file may be viewed at www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm, or obtained by calling or writing Ms. Caldwell at the above address. Please contact Ms. Caldwell to schedule an inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1996, two Louisiana environmental groups, the Sierra Club and Louisiana Environmental Action Network (plaintiffs), filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.). Among other claims, plaintiffs alleged that EPA failed to establish Louisiana TMDLs in a timely manner.

EPA Seeks Comments on 98 TMDLs

By this notice EPA is seeking comment on the following 98 TMDLs for waters located within the Calcasieu and Ouachita river basins:

Subsegment	Waterbody name	Pollutant
030301	Calcasieu River & Ship Channel—Saltwater Barrier to Moss Lake (Estuarine) (Includes Coon Island and Clooney Island Loops).	Contaminated sediments (Mercury, PAHs, and toxicity).
030306	Bayou Verdine (Estuarine)	Contaminated sediments (4,4'-DDT, Methoxychlor, PAHs, Zinc, Calcium, and toxicity).
030901	Bayou D'Inde—Headwaters to Calcasieu River (Estuarine)	Contaminated sediments (Mercury, toxicity, and organics).
030305	Contraband Bayou (Estuarine)	Copper.
031201	Calcasieu River Basin—Coastal Bays and Gulf Waters to State 3 mile limit.	Mercury.
030301	Calcasieu River and Ship Channel—Saltwater Barrier to Moss Lake (Estuarine) (Includes Coon Island and Clooney Island Loops).	Metals (Copper, Lead, and Mercury).
030304	Moss Lake (Estuarine)	Metals (Copper, Mercury).
030306	Bayou Verdine (Estuarine)	Metals (Mercury, Nickel).
030901	Bayou D'Inde—Headwaters to Calcasieu River (Estuarine)	Metals (Copper, Nickel, and Mercury).
030305	Contraband Bayou (Estuarine)	Pathogen indicators.
030701	Bayou Serpent	Pesticides (Fipronil).
030301	Calcasieu River and Ship Channel—Saltwater Barrier to Moss Lake (Estuarine) (Includes Coon Island and Clooney Island Loops).	Priority organics (PAHs).
030306	Bayou Verdine (Estuarine)	Priority organics (Phenols, and 1,2-Dichloroethane).
030901	Bayou D'Inde—Headwaters to Calcasieu River (Estuarine)	Priority organics (PCBs, Tetrachloroethane, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorobutadiene, and Bromoform).
030702	English Bayou—Headwaters to Calcasieu River	Suspended solids.
030702	English Bayou—Headwaters to Calcasieu River	Turbidity.
081501	Castor Creek—Headwaters to Little River	Chlorides.
0809(04)	Little Bayou Boeuf/Wham Brake (within segment 0809)	Dioxins.
080912	Tisdale Brake/Staulkinghead Creek from origin to Little Bayou Boeuf.	Dioxins.
080101	Ouachita River—Arkansas State Line to Columbia Lock and Dam (Scenic from the Arkansas State Line to intersection with Bayou Bartholomew—22 miles).	Mercury.
080902	Bayou Bonne Idee—Headwaters to Boeuf River	Nitrogen.
080102	Bayou Chauvin	Noxious aquatic plants.
080201	Ouachita River—Columbia Lock and Dam to Jonesville	Nutrients.