

of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) programs, such as Lead Programs and other technology and exposure-related studies.

Under Contract Number EP-W-04-021, BMI of 505 King Avenue, Columbus, OH, will assist EPA in statistical and technical support for the assessment of toxic substances. BMI will also provide statistical, mathematical, field data collection, physical testing, technical analysis support, and planning for OPPT programs, such as Lead Programs and other technology and exposure-related studies.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under Contract Numbers EP-W-04-020 and EP-W-04-021, BMI will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 8(a), 11, and 21 of TSCA, to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract.

BMI personnel will be given information submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 8(a), 11, and 21 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 4, 5, 6, 8(a), 11, and 21 of TSCA, that the Agency may provide BMI access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under these contracts will take place at EPA Headquarters and BMI's site located at 505 King Avenue, Columbus, OH. BMI personnel will be required to adhere to all provisions of EPA's *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under Contract Numbers EP-W-04-020 and EP-W-04-021 may continue until March 2, 2009. Access will commence no sooner than March 30, 2004.

BMI personnel have signed nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Confidential business information.

Dated: March 15, 2004.

Brion Cook,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Federal Funding, Construction, Operation and Monitoring of the Restoration Project Titled: Mississippi River Reintroduction Into Bayou Lafourche

AGENCY: Region 6 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Issuance of Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: EPA Region 6 is preparing an EIS on the proposed Mississippi River Reintroduction Into Bayou Lafourche project. The proposed project is intended to enhance freshwater flows in Bayou Lafourche to nourish and protect marshes of the Barataria and Terrebonne Basins and meet human water supply needs. EPA has determined that the proposed multiple use and multiple benefit wetlands restoration effort is a Major Federal Action significantly affecting the human environment. The purpose of the EIS is to provide information and analysis for decisions on the project in accordance with the policies and purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coastal Wetland Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA), Pub. L. 101-646, provides funding for projects intended to restore and protect sensitive Louisiana coastal areas and establishes a multi-agency task force to consider, develop, and implement such projects. The Mississippi River Reintroduction Into Bayou Lafourche is one such proposed project. The EPA is designated the Federal member of the CWPPRA Task Force to carry out the project. As proposed, the project would significantly increase the flow of water from the Mississippi River into Bayou Lafourche, historically a natural distributary channel of the River. By human action, the Bayou was cut off from the River with construction of the existing flood protection levee. Over time, it was recognized that precipitation alone into the bayou system was not adequate to meet the human or natural ecosystem needs. The project proposes to significantly increase Mississippi River water flow through a structure constructed through or over the flood protection levee of the River at Donaldsonville, Louisiana. The water would then flow down the bayou

and connected waterways toward the Gulf of Mexico and into adjacent wetlands, increasing input of freshwater, nutrients and some sediments. Portions of the Ascension, Assumption, Lafourche, and Terrebonne Parishes are included in the proposed project area. The proposed project also includes installation of emergency water level management measures in the bayou such as inflatable weirs. Drainage systems associated with the bayou will be analyzed for impacts. Evaluation studies carried out for use in project development included alternative water sources; existing bayou conditions and basic reintroduction scenarios; surveys of elevations and cross-sections; hydrologic modeling of flows and of salinity; baseline ecological field studies; surveys of flora and fauna of bayou; transportation and utilities infrastructure; potential dredging options; value-engineering study; and cost evaluations. Impacts on the natural and the human environment, including economics and culture, will be evaluated in the EIS.

Alternative Actions: The proposed action includes significantly increasing Mississippi River flows into Bayou Lafourche through a head works structure at the head of Bayou Lafourche. Alternatives to be considered include an array of pumping station and siphon configurations, numerous conveyance channel improvements, and, an alternative channel alignment upstream of Donaldsonville. The EPA is seeking public input on the proposed alternatives and any possible new alternatives.

Public Scoping Meetings: The EPA will hold public meetings at several locations along the Bayou to receive public input on the scope of issues to be addressed in the Draft EIS and to identify significant issues associated with the proposed project. Interested individuals, groups, agencies and public officials will be encouraged to participate. Meeting locations and dates include: South Central Plan Commission Building, Gray LA, 6:30 p.m., April 22; Central Catholic High School Gymnasium, Donaldsonville LA, 6:30 p.m., April 26; Larose Civic Center, Larose LA, 6:30 p.m., April 27; Napoleonville Civic Center, Napoleonville LA, 12:30 p.m., April 28; Municipal Auditorium, Thibodaux LA, 6:30 p.m., April 28. Notices will be placed in regional, local and periodic newspapers thirty days in advance. Information will be provided for potential newspaper, public radio and television announcements.

DATES: The estimated date for release of the Draft EIS is Fall, 2005. EPA will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register** stating where the Draft EIS will be available for review, the date of Public Hearing on the Draft EIS and a deadline for submission of written comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, TO SUBMIT SCOPING COMMENTS, OR TO BE PLACED ON THE EIS MAILING LIST, CONTACT: Ms. Jeanene Peckham, U.S. EPA, Water Quality Protection Division Field Office, 707 Florida Blvd, Suite B-21, Baton Rouge, LA, 70801. Telephone: 225-389-0736; or e-mail:

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Responsible Official: Richard E. Greene, Regional Administrator.

Dated: March 17, 2004.

Anne Norton Miller,

Director, OFA.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7638-4]

Proposed CERCLA Administrative Cost Recovery Settlement; Amber Oil Site, Milwaukee, WI

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

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 Amber Oil site in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with the following settling parties: Ametek, Inc.; Arvin Meritor, Inc.; A-C Compressor, Corp.; Besly Products Corporation; Carlson Tool and Manufacturing Corp.; Charter Wire Div of Charter Manufacturing; Detroit Edge Tool Co.; Eco-Tech of Milwaukee, Inc.; Elenco Carbide Tool Corporation; Emerson Electric Co.; EOG Environmental, Inc.; Everbrite, LLC; The Falk Corporation; Graco Inc.; General Portable Products LLC (Briggs & Stratton Power Products LLC); Hafemeister Machine Corp.; Helgesen Industries; Ingersoll Equipment Co. Inc.; International Paper; International Truck and Engine Corporation; INX International Ink Co.; J&L Fiber Services, Inc.; Karl Schmidt Unisia, Inc.;

Kettle Moraine Coatings, Inc.; Kingsbury, Inc.; Madison Kipp Corp; Manitowoc; Manitowoc Tool & Manufacturing; Menasha Corporation; Mercury Marine; The Metal Ware Corporation; Miller Brewing Company; Neenah Foundry Company; Nordco; Oshkosh Marine Supply Company; Oshkosh Truck Corporation; Peterson Industries LLC; Pierce Manufacturing Inc.; Precision Gears, Inc.; Regal-Beloit Corporation; Rietschle Thomas; Rollex Corporation; Rollmeister, Inc.; Seats, Inc.; Simplicity Manufacturing, Inc.; Sta-Rite Industries, Inc.; Stroh Die Casting Co., Inc.; Triangle Tool Corporation; Tulip Corporation; Union Pacific Railroad; Valleycast, Inc.; Vilter Manufacturing Corporation; The Vollrath Co., LLC; Waukesha Electric Systems, Inc.; and Weasler Engineering Inc. The settlement requires the settling parties to perform a removal action at the site estimated to cost approximately \$900,000, and reimburse U.S. EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund for \$15,000 of U.S. EPA's costs incurred before March 31, 2003, its costs incurred since April 1, 2003 to the signing of the consent order, and the cost of U.S. EPA to oversee the clean-up by the fifty-five settling parties. Past costs (U.S. EPA costs incurred prior to April 1, 2003) in the amount of \$155,591 are being compromised in consideration of the settling parties' commitment to perform the removal and pay the costs described above. 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 U.S. EPA's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the site record repository in the West Allis Public Library, 7421 West Nation Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 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 April 22, 2004.

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 Amber Oil site in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and EPA Docket No. V-W-'04-C-780 and should be addressed to Mr. Jerome Kujawa, U.S. EPA Office of Regional Counsel (C-14)), 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: February 27, 2004.

Richard C. Karl,

Acting Director, Superfund Division, Region 5, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Workshop on Biosecurity

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth an announcement of a public workshop on Laboratory Biosecurity: A Culture of Responsibility, and describes the purpose of the workshop.

Dates, Address and Time: April 12, 2004, Bethesda, Maryland. The meeting will be held in Room E1/E2 of the Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892 from 1 p.m. to approximately 4 p.m.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Who Should Attend: This workshop is relevant to all biological laboratory settings, from research to clinical laboratories, including laboratories which are not involved in work with select agents.

Public Comments: The purpose of this workshop is to solicit comments on the successes and challenges associated with implementing biosecurity procedures and protocols. The outcome of the discussion may help identify good practices and help guide recommendations. Of particular interest is public comment on the following issues:

- What information should be contained in a BMBL chapter on biosecurity in order to provide sufficient guidance to assess biosecurity risk and develop a risk-management plan?
- What do you need in the way of outreach to facilitate putting a biosecurity program in place?
- Does your facility feel confident to implement risk management decisions?