

investigatory and remedial actions taken within the area targeted for partial delisting was performed under a Consent Order issued by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (Reference 3).

Four former disposal areas were identified as a result of the investigatory work performed under the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control Consent Order. Because the soils targeted for partial delisting only encompass one of the former disposal areas, disposal area No. 1, the remainder of this report will focus on the activities associated with this disposal area. The three remaining disposal areas and corresponding soils will be addressed in a future Close Out Report once all activities have been completed for this site.

Operating under a Buried Drum Removal Plan (Reference 4) approved by DHEC, Para-Chem performed removal and disposal activities for former disposal area No. 1 in May and June of 1987. A total of 686 tons of drums, waste, and contaminated soils were excavated, classified as a hazardous waste by characteristic, and shipped to the GSX landfill. Removal activities are presented in the Documentation for Waste Removal Report (Reference 5). On June 15, 1987, RMT submitted both analytical results for conformational soil sampling and a proposal for additional excavation of soils to SC DHEC (Reference 6). On June 18, 1987, SC DHEC granted approval of the June 15, 1987 proposal (Reference 7). The additional excavation and backfilling of the excavated area with adjacent fill was completed on June 18, 1987.

The former disposal area No. 1 was also the subject of an expanded investigation under an AOC issued by EPA. Two of the objectives for this AOC were to determine whether any additional areas within the vicinity of former disposal area No. 1 were acting as a continual source of groundwater contamination and to confirm the effectiveness of the previous waste removal efforts.

As part of the Remedial Investigation supporting EPA's AOC the disposal area No. 1 was subjected to a soil gas screening procedure for VOCs. Levels measured at these four stations did not exceed background levels. The soil gas screening results were further supported by conformational sampling using CLP methodologies. Additional subsurface soil samples (HA-6, HA-7) were taken specifically from the immediate area surrounding former disposal area No. 1 and analyzed for TCL, TAL and tetrahydrofuran. Copper and lead were detected at concentrations above background levels but did not pose a

health risk. No organic contaminants were detected at any concentration above the Contract Required Detection Limits (Reference 8, pg 3-9).

On September 27, 1993, a Record of Decision (ROD) was issued for this Site. The ROD did target specific areas for soil and groundwater remediation, however, no soil remediation was required within the areas targeted for this partial deletion.

Additional sampling in support of this partial delisting petition was outlined in a letter dated May 30, 1996, titled Delisting Petition and Plan for Sampling. Sampling results were submitted in a July 19, 1996, report titled Delisting Assessment Results. With the exception of acetone in samples DA01-01A (62 ug/kg) and DA01-04 (39 ug/kg), no volatile organic compounds were present above the laboratory detection limits. The acetone concentrations present within these two samples were well below the site performance standard of 4,687,000 ug/kg (Reference 9).

The removal activities of contaminated soil within the areas targeted for partial delisting at the Para-Chem Southern Inc. are considered a permanent remedy. No additional treatment of soils within these areas will be necessary. As such no operation and maintenance activities are necessary for the soils targeted for this partial delisting. Because no hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain in the soils within the areas targeted for partial delisting, no Five Year Review will be performed on these areas.

EPA in concurrence of the State of South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control, has determined that all appropriate Fund-financed responses under CERCLA for the soils within the areas targeted for this partial deletion have been completed, and that no further activities by responsible parties are appropriate. Therefore, EPA proposes to delete this area from the NPL.

Dated: March 28, 1997.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants, Notice of Third Reopening of Public Comment Period on Proposed Rule to List 10 Plants From the Foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains as Threatened or Endangered

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule, notice of third reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), provides notice of third reopening of the comment period on the proposed endangered status for *Brodiaea pallida* (Chinese Camp brodiaea), *Calyptidium pulchellum* (Mariposa pussypaws), *Lupinus citrinus* var. *deflexus* (Mariposa lupine) and *Mimulus shevockii* (Kelso Creek monkeyflower) and proposed threatened status for *Allium tuolumense* (Rawhide Hill onion), *Carpenteria californica* (carpenteria), *Clarkia springvillensis* (Springville clarkia), *Fritillaria striata* (striped adobe lily), *Navarretia setiloba* (Piute Mountains navarretia), and *Verbena californica* (California vervain). On December 29, 1994, the comment period was reopened and extended until February 13, 1995 (59 FR 67268) to accommodate the public hearing that was requested. Due to requests for additional time, the comment period was extended until June 4, 1995 (60 FR 8342). To acquire new and updated information that may have become available in the last 2 years, the Service reopened the comment period for a

second time on February 4, 1997 (62 FR 5199). Because of the need to acquire additional information from interested parties and complete final action on these proposed listing actions, the comment period is reopened again for 60 days. All parties are invited to submit comments on this proposal.

DATES: The public comment period closes August 29, 1997 to ensure consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and materials concerning this proposal should be sent directly to the Field Supervisor, Sacramento Field Office, 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 130, Sacramento, California 95821-6340. Comments and materials received will be available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Fuller at ADDRESSES section listed above (telephone 916/979-2710, facsimile 916/979-2723).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 4, 1994, the Service published a rule proposing endangered status for *Brodiaea pallida*, *Calyptidium pulchellum*, *Lupinus citrinus* var. *deflexus* and *Mimulus shevockii* and threatened status for *Allium tuolumnense*, *Carpenteria californica*, *Clarkia springvillensis*,

Fritillaria striata, *Navarretia setiloba*, and *Verbena californica*. The ten plants are variously known from annual grasslands; chaparral; and Joshua tree, pinyon-juniper, blue oak, and digger pine woodlands in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada of California. These plants may be threatened by one or more of the following: agricultural land conversion, urbanization, logging, highway construction and road maintenance activities, excessive grazing, off-highway vehicle use, mining, insect predation, random natural events, and inappropriate fire management activities.

The original comment period on this proposal closed on December 5, 1994. On December 29, 1994, the comment period was reopened and extended until February 13, 1995 (59 FR 67268) to accommodate the public hearing that was requested. Due to requests for additional time, the comment period was extended until June 4, 1995 (60 FR 8342). The Service was unable to make a final listing determination on these species because of a limited budget, other endangered species assignments driven by court orders, and higher listing priorities. In addition, a moratorium on listing actions (Public Law 104-6), which took effect on April 10, 1995, stipulated that no funds could be used to make final listing determinations or critical habitat determinations. With the restoration of

funding, the Service proceeded with final determinations for these species. In this regard and to acquire new and updated information that may have become available in the last 2 years, the Service reopened the comment period for a second time on February 4, 1997 (62 FR 5199). Because of the need to acquire additional information from interested parties and complete final action on these proposed listing actions, the comment period is reopened again for 60 days. The Service seeks information concerning:

(1) Biological, commercial, or other relevant data on any threat (or lack thereof) to any of these ten species, particularly *Calyptidium pulchellum*, *Fritillaria striata*, *Lupinus citrinus* var. *deflexus* and *Navarretia setiloba*; and

(2) Additional information on the size, number, location, or distribution of populations.

Written comments may now be submitted until August 29, 1997 to the Service office in the ADDRESSES section.

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: June 17, 1997.

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Acting Regional Director, Region 1.

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