

23. Nueces River Project, Texas: Recalculate existing contract repayment schedule to conform with the provisions of the Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1996. The revised schedule is to reflect a 5-year deferment of payments.

24. Western Heart River ID, P-SMBP, Heart Butte Unit, North Dakota: Negotiation of water service contract to continue delivery of project water to the district.

25. Lower Marias Unit, P-SMBP, Montana: Water service contract expired June 1997. Initiating renewal of existing contract for 25 years for up to 480 acre-feet of storage from Tiber Reservoir to irrigate 160 acres. Basis of negotiation is in the process of being completed; existing contract was extended for 1 year pending negotiation of long-term contract.

26. Lower Marias Unit, P-SMBP, Montana: Initiating 25-year water service contract for up to 750 acre-feet of storage from Tiber Reservoir to irrigate 250 acres.

27. Glendo Unit, P-SMBP, Wyoming: Initiate negotiations for renewal of long-term water service contracts with Burbank Ditch, New Grattan Ditch Company, Torrington ID, Lucerne Canal and Power Company, and Wright and Murphy Ditch Company. The current contracts expire in 1998.

28. Glendo Unit, P-SMBP, Nebraska: Initiate negotiations for renewal of long-term water service contracts with Bridgeport, Enterprise, and Mitchell IDs, and Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District. The current contracts expire in 1998.

29. Belle Fourche Unit, P-SMBP, South Dakota: Basis of negotiation has been approved for the negotiation of a long-term repayment contract deferring the Belle Fourche ID's 1997 construction payment and also reduction of the district's annual payment.

30. Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Colorado: Repayment contract with Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District for repayment of cost of SOD modifications to Pueblo Dam.

31. Dickinson Heart River Mutual Aid Corporation, P-SMBP, Dickinson Unit, North Dakota: Negotiate renewal of water service contract for irrigation of lands below Dickinson Dam in western North Dakota.

32. Greenfields ID, Sun River Project, Montana: Contract for SOD costs for repairs to Pishkun Dike No. 4.

33. Public Service Company of Colorado: Agreement to furnish surplus water from the historic users pool at Green Mountain Reservoir for the purpose of generating hydroelectric

power at the Grand Valley Power Plant, Palisade, Colorado.

Dated: January 20, 1998.

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Deputy Director, Program Analysis Office.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

Agency for International Development

Environmental Partnership Program in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the New Independent States (NIS) of the Former Soviet Union

ACTION: Availability of applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) seeks applications from qualified U.S. organizations or consortia of organizations for award of a three to five-year Cooperative Agreement in support of a program to promote market-oriented solutions to environmental problems facing local governments and industries in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union. The successful applicant will coordinate a partnership grants program that will facilitate linkages among organizations within the CEE and the NIS and between U.S. entities and partners within the region, and promote CEE/NIS business opportunities for U.S. firms in the environmental sector. USAID seeks an organization with demonstrated capability to identify opportunities for partnering, as well as the capacity to nurture and facilitate such partnerships. Applicants must be prepared to contribute non-USAID resources toward meeting the overall cost of the program; all partnership grants within the program will also be made on a cost-sharing basis. This competitive RFA will be awarded as a component of a new initiative, entitled "Environmental Partnership Program (EPP)," which is a result of a year-long series of discussions on appropriate transition strategies for environmentally sound economic improvements by the U.S. in CEE/NIS. The goal of the overall EPP is to forge relationships with new partners, particularly private partners, to expand and accelerate environmental trade, investment and policy reform in this region. In addition to market-oriented solutions to environmental problems facing localities and industry in these countries, the purpose of the EPP is to stimulate sustainable environmental trade and investment linkages between

the U.S. and the ENI region. It will complement, and be supported by, existing and future USAID programs to meet the continued need for strengthening environmental policies and regulatory frameworks within CEE/NIS nations. In some cases, it is expected, within the context of the overall EPP, limited technical assistance will be provided to ensure that policies exist and are implemented to support the investments stimulated by the program's primary work. USAID anticipates that the Program will serve as a catalyst across the region to increase public/private participation in environmentally sound economic development by: (1) Stimulating dialogue between these sectors and action on policies that encourage private participation in environmental projects; and (2) assisting ENI-based environmental decision-makers in accessing information on environmental technologies, approaches and services or locating partners who can help them solve priority environmental problems that are predominantly transboundary or regional in nature (air and water pollution, climate-change mitigation, solid and toxic waste cleanup, etc.). The RFA will fully describe the competitive application process, as well as the overall EPP and the Program Description for the proposed cooperative agreement. The RFA will outline what information is to be submitted for review by USAID. As stated above, the successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the proposed Program's cost in cash and/or in kind, in order to demonstrate commitment to the principles of the EPP and maximize its potential impact. The Agreement will be incrementally funded by USAID, subject to availability of funds.

DATES: The RFA will be available o/a January 12, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access: The preferred method of distribution of USAID procurement information is via the Internet or by request of a solicitation of a 3.5" floppy disk (WordPerfect 5.1/5.2 format). The RFA, once issued, may be downloaded from the Agency Website at: <http://www.info.usaid.gov>. From this homepage, select "Business and Procurement Opportunities," then "USAID Procurements," then "Download Available USAID Solicitations." Receipt of this RFA through the Internet must be confirmed by written notification to the contact person listed above. It is the responsibility of the recipient of this RFA to ensure that it has been received

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Dated: January 15, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended

Consistent with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, 38 FR 19029, and 42 U.S.C. 9622(d), notice is hereby given that on January 8, 1998, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Abbott Laboratories, et al.*, Civil Action No. 98-1013-JAF, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. The proposed Consent Decree will resolve the United States' claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") against defendants Abbott Laboratories, American Cyanamid Company, Browning-Ferris Industries of Puerto Rico, Inc., E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company, Merck & Company, Inc., the Municipality of Barceloneta, Pharmacia & Upjohn Caribe Inc., Roche Products, Inc., Schering-Plough Products, Inc., and Union Carbide Corporation relating to the Barceloneta Landfill Superfund Site ("Site") located near the Municipality of Barceloneta, Puerto Rico. The Complaint alleges that each of the defendants is liable under Sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607.

Pursuant to the Consent Decree, the settling defendants will implement the remedy selected in the July 5, 1996 Record of Decision (the "ROD") for the Site, now estimated to cost approximately \$10.5 million, reimburse the United States for \$425,000 of past costs, and make payment of EPA's future response costs, as defined in the Consent Decree, and up to \$400,000 of EPA's oversight costs.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments

relating to the proposed consent decree. Any comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Abbott Laboratories, et al.*, Civil Action No. 98-1013-JAF, D.J. Ref. 90-11-3-1574.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, District of Puerto Rico, Federal Building, Chardon Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, 00918 and at Region II, Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866 and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check (there is a 25 cent per page reproduction cost) in the amount of \$69.25 payable to the Consent Decree Library. If a copy of the Consent Decree without the attachments is sufficient, please specify that fact and enclose a check in the amount of \$26.00.

Bruce S. Gelber,

Deputy Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

Pursuant to Department policy, 18 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on December 18, 1997, a proposed Consent Decree in *Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living, et al., and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and United States of America v. Delaware County Regional Water Control Authority* ("DELCORA"), Civil Action No. 94-CV-5639 was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

In this action the United States, as a plaintiff-intervenor, sought civil penalties and injunctive relief pursuant to Section 113 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7413, against DELCORA for violations of the Clean Air Act in connection with the operation of sludge incinerators at DELCORA's sewage treatment plant located in Chester, Pennsylvania. Under the proposed Consent Decree DELCORA agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$120,000, implement

injunctive relief to prevent future violations at the plant, and perform a Supplemental Environmental Project to reduce exposure to lead among newborn infants in Chester, Pennsylvania.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living, et al., and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and United States of America v. Delaware County Regional Water Control Authority* ("DELCORA"), D.J. Ref. 90-5-2-1-2071.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 5615 Chestnut Street, Suite 1250, Philadelphia, PA 19106, at U.S. EPA Region 3, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107, and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy exclusive of exhibits, please enclose a check in the amount of \$9.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel M. Gross,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Young Refining Company*, Civil Action No. 1-96-CV-1002-JEC, was lodged on December 31, 1997, with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. The consent decree settles a claim brought under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), for response costs incurred by the United States at the Basket Creek Drum Disposal site (the "Basket Creek site") in