

OMB extended the expiration date through 03/31/99.

EPA ICR No. 0827.04; Construction Grants Program Information Collection Request; in 40 CFR part 35, Subpart I; OMB No. 2040-0027; on 01/13/99 OMB extended the expiration date through 03/31/99.

Dated: January 26, 1999.

Joseph Retzer,

Director, Regulatory Information Division.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6228-3]

Announcement of Opportunity: EMPACT Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of request for applications.

SUMMARY: This document provides information on the availability of the 1999 investigator-initiated grants program announcement of opportunity on Environmental Monitoring for Public Access and Community Tracking (EMPACT). The areas of interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications is April 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Center for Environmental Research and Quality Assurance (8703R), 401 M Street SW, Washington DC 20460, telephone (800) 490-9194.

The complete announcement of opportunity can be accessed on the Internet from the EPA home page: <http://www.epa.gov/empact>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Announcement of Opportunity the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites grant applications from partnerships between local and state governments, research institutions, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the private sector, and/or the federal government. The goal of EMPACT is to assist communities to provide sustainable public access to environmental monitoring data and information that are clearly-communicated, time-relevant, useful, and accurate in the largest U.S. metropolitan areas. Applications must be received by April 8, 1999. The full

Announcement provides relevant background information, summarize EPA's interest in the topic area, and describe the application and review process.

Contact persons for additional information are Dr. Barbara Karn (karn.barbara@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6820 and Dr. Charlotte Cottrill (cottrill.charlotte@epamail.epa.gov), telephone 202-564-6771.

Dated: January 20, 1999.

Henry Longest III,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6228-2]

Proposed CERCLA Administrative Settlement; Rosen Brothers Superfund Site, Cortland, NY

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a proposed administrative settlement concerning the Rosen Brothers Superfund Site in Cortland, New York with the City of Cortland and the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation. The settlement is a prospective purchaser agreement and it requires the settling parties to perform certain response actions, including operation and maintenance of a portion of the final cleanup remedy following the purchase of the real property. The settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling parties pursuant to sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607. For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this document, 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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the individual listed below. Comments should reference the Rosen Brothers Superfund Site and EPA Index No. II-CERCLA-98-0202. For a copy of the

settlement, contact the individual listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brian E. Carr, Assistant Regional Counsel, New York/Caribbean Superfund Branch, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, New York, 10007-1866, Telephone: (212) 637-3170.

Dated: December 31, 1998.

Jeanne M. Fox,

Regional Administrator, Region 2.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6228-5; CWA-HQ-99-001]

Clean Water Act Class II: Proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment and Opportunity to Comment Regarding United States Cellular Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has filed a civil administrative complaint against United States Cellular Corporation ("U.S. Cellular") for failure to prepare a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure ("SPCC") plan for one facility where it stored diesel oil in two above ground tanks in violation of the Clean Water Act ("CWA") and its implementing regulations. EPA, pursuant to CWA section 311, has proposed to assess a civil penalty and provided notice to U.S. Cellular of its right to request a hearing. The Administrator, as required by CWA section 311, is providing public notice and opportunity for interested persons to comment on the complaint and the final proposed order.

DATES: Comments on the complaint and the proposed order are due on or before March 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to Enforcement & Compliance Docket and Information Center (2201A), Docket Number EC-1999-01, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to Enforcement & Compliance Docket Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 4033, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: doCKET.oeca@epa.gov. Comments may be submitted on disk in

WordPerfect 8.0 or earlier version. Electronic comments on the complaint and this proposed order may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The complaint, consent agreement, the proposed final order, and public comments, if any, may be reviewed at the Enforcement & Compliance Docket Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 4033, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Persons interested in reviewing these materials must make advance arrangements to do so by calling 202-564-2614. A reasonable fee may be charged by EPA for copying docket materials.

The public record of the administrative enforcement proceeding is located in the Office of the EPA Headquarters Hearing Clerk, Ms. Bessie Hammel, Rm. C-400, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; telephone (202) 260-4865.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Philip Milton, Multimedia Enforcement Division (2248-A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-2235; fax (202) 564-0010; e-mail: milton.philip@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document are available from the EPA Home Page under the link "Laws and Regulations" at the **Federal Register—Environmental Documents** entry (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

I. Background

U.S. Cellular, 8410 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago IL 60631, self-disclosed to EPA that it had failed to prepare a SPCC plan for one facility where it stored diesel oil in two above ground tanks in violation of Section 311 of the CWA and 40 CFR Part 112. The disclosure was made pursuant to the EPA "Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosures, Correction and Prevention of Violations" ("Audit Policy"), 60 FR 66,706, (December 22, 1995). EPA filed an administrative civil complaint against U.S. Cellular on January 25, 1999 (In the matter of United States Cellular Corporation, Docket No. CWA-HQ-99-001). The CWA administrative penalty proposed in the complaint is \$14,127. EPA intends to settle this action pursuant to the Audit Policy. Using the criteria set forth in the policy, EPA intends to waive any gravity based penalty and collect the economic benefit gained by the Respondent because of delayed compliance with the SPCC

regulations. The proposed settlement figure for this CWA violation is \$1,127. This settlement is subject to public notice and comment under CWA section 311, 33 U.S.C. 1321.

Under CWA section 311(b)(6)(A), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(A), any owner, operator, or person in charge of a vessel, onshore facility, or offshore facility from which oil is discharged in violation of CWA section 311(b)(3), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(3), or who fails or refuses to comply with any regulations that have been issued under CWA section 311(j), 33 U.S.C. 1321(j) may be administratively assessed a civil penalty of up to \$137,500 by EPA. Class II proceedings under CWA section 311(b)(6) are conducted in accordance with 40 CFR Part 22.

The procedures by which the public may submit written comments on the complaint and on a proposed Class II penalty order or participate in a Class II penalty proceeding are set forth in 40 CFR 22.38. The deadline for submitting public comment on the complaint and this proposed Class II order is March 3, 1999. All comments will be transferred to the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) for consideration and/or incorporation into the final order. The powers and duties of the EAB are outlined in 40 CFR 22.04(a).

In order to provide an opportunity for public comment, EPA will not take final action in this proceeding prior to the close of the public comment period.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: January 27, 1999.

Melissa P. Marshall,

Director, Multimedia Enforcement Division, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6228-6; CWA-HQ-99-002]

Clean Water Act Class II: Proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment and Opportunity to Comment Regarding Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has filed a civil administrative complaint against Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) for failure to prepare a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure

(SPCC) plan for 117 facilities where it stored diesel oil in above ground tanks in violation of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and its implementing regulations. EPA, pursuant to CWA section 311, has proposed to assess a civil penalty and provided notice to SWBT of its right to request a hearing. The Administrator, as required by CWA section 311, is providing public notice and opportunity for interested persons to comment on the complaint and the final proposed order.

DATES: Comments on the complaint and proposed order are due on or before March 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to Enforcement & Compliance Docket and Information Center (2201A), Docket Number EC-1999-02, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. In person, deliver comments to Enforcement & Compliance Docket Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 4033, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: docket.oeca@epa.gov. Comments may be submitted on disk in WordPerfect 8.0 or earlier version.

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