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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-3230-6]

Proposed Agreement Pursuant to 122(g)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act for the MacGillis & Gibbs / Bell Lumber & Pole Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

ACTION: Notice; Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 122(i)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1984, as amended ("CERCLA"), notification is hereby given of a proposed administrative agreement concerning the MacGillis & Gibbs / Bell Lumber & Pole Superfund Site at 440 Fifth Avenue N.W. in New Brighton, Minnesota (the "Site"). EPA proposes to enter into this agreement under the authority of 122(g)(1)(B) of CERCLA. The proposed agreement has been executed by Hypro Corporation ("Hypro").

EPA listed the Site on the National Priorities List in 1984 after initial investigations revealed the presence of hazardous substances, including wastes associated with pentachlorophenol and creosote-based wood treating processes at the Site. EPA selected a final remedy for the Site in 1994, which included a groundwater extraction and treatment phase. Since then, EPA has incurred response costs mitigating an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment present or threatened by hazardous substances present at or near the Site, including hazardous substances migrating with an aquifer to the east of the Site. Hypro owns real property to the east of the Site and situated above an aquifer contaminated with hazardous substances associated with the Site. Hypro has represented to EPA that it did not generate, treat, store or dispose of any hazardous substances at the Site and did not transport any hazardous substances to the Site, and has not permitted the contamination or contributed to it. Under the proposed agreement, Hypro will grant access to its

real property to the EPA and, upon assignment, the State of Minnesota, for the purpose of installing, operating and maintaining an extraction well cluster and related equipment for use in connection with the groundwater phase remedy at the Site. Hypro waives any claims against the Superfund for reimbursement of costs and for any potential claims under the Constitution for diminution of its property value resulting from the presence of the groundwater extraction equipment. EPA agrees to give Hypro protection from third-party claims under CERCLA for contribution and a covenant not to sue, subject to standard reopeners.

For thirty days following the date of publication of this notice, the Environmental Protection Agency will receive written comments relating to this proposed agreement. EPA will consider all comments received and may decide not to enter this proposed agreement if comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed agreement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate.

DATES: Comments on the proposed agreement must be received by EPA on or before March 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604-3590, and should refer to: In the Matter of Hypro Corporation, New Brighton, Minnesota, U.S. EPA Docket No. V-W-99-C-524.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas M. Williams, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Regional Counsel, C-14J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604-3590, (312) 886-0814.

A copy of the proposed administrative settlement agreement may be obtained in person or by mail from the EPA's Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604-3590. Additional background information relating to the settlement is available for review at the EPA's Region 5 Office of Regional Counsel.

Authority: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601-9675.

William E. Muno,

Director, Superfund Division, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6226-9]

Clean Water Act Class II: Proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment and Opportunity To Comment Regarding Northeast Public Sewer District, Fenton, Missouri

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative penalty assessment and opportunity to comment regarding Northeast Public Sewer District, Fenton, Missouri.

SUMMARY: EPA is providing notice of opportunity to comment on the proposed assessment.

Under 33 U.S.C. 1319(g), EPA is authorized to issue orders assessing civil penalties for various violations of the Act. EPA may issue such orders after filing a Complaint commencing either a Class I or Class II penalty proceeding. EPA provides public notice of the proposed assessment pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1319(g).

Class II proceedings are conducted under EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits, 40 CFR part 22. The procedures by which the public may submit written comment on a proposed Class II order or participate in a Class II proceeding, and the procedures by which a respondent may request a hearing, are set forth in the Consolidated Rules. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed Class II order is thirty (30) days after issuance of public notice.

On December 31, 1998, EPA commenced the following Class II proceeding for the assessment of penalties by filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, (913) 551-7630, the following complaint:

In the Matter of, the Northeast Public Sewer District, City of Fenton, Missouri; EPA Docket No. CWA-VII-99-0003.

The Complaint proposes a penalty of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for discharge of sludge to Saline Creek in violation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and Sections 301(a) and 402 of the Clean Water Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons wishing to receive a copy of EPA's Consolidated Rules, review the Complaint or other documents filed in this proceeding, comment upon the proposed penalty assessment, or

otherwise participate in the proceeding should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above.

The administrative record for the proceeding is located in the EPA Regional Office at the address stated above, and the file will be open for public inspection during normal business hours. All information submitted by the Northeast Public Sewer District is available as part of the administrative record subject to provisions of law restricting public disclosure of confidential information. In order to provide opportunity for public comment, EPA will issue no final order assessing a penalty in this proceeding prior to thirty (30) days from the date of this document.

Dated: January 15, 1999.

Dennis Grams,

Regional Administrator, Region 7.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6226-8]

Clean Water Act Class II: Proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment and Opportunity To Comment Regarding Klein Products of Kansas, Inc., Fort Scott, KS

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed administrative penalty assessment and opportunity to comment regarding Klein Products of Kansas, Inc., Fort Scott, Kansas.

SUMMARY: EPA is providing notice of opportunity to comment on the proposed assessment.

Under 33 U.S.C. 1319(g), EPA is authorized to issue orders assessing civil penalties for various violations of the Act. EPA may issue such orders after filing a Complaint commencing either a Class I or Class II penalty proceeding. EPA provides public notice of the proposed assessment pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1319(g).

Class II proceedings are conducted under EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits, 40 CFR part 22. The procedures by which the public may submit written comment on a proposed Class II order or participate in a Class II proceeding, and the procedures by which a respondent may request a hearing, are set forth in the Consolidated Rules. The deadline

for submitting public comment on a proposed Class II order is thirty (30) days after issuance of public notice.

On December 30, 1998, EPA commenced the following Class II proceeding for the assessment of penalties by filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, (913) 551-7630, the following complaint:

In the Matter of, Klein Products of Kansas, Inc., Fort Scott, Kansas; EPA Docket No. CWA-7-99-0002.

The Complaint proposes a penalty of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) for discharge of a xylene mixture to waters of the United States without a permit in violation of Sections 301(a) and 402 of the Clean Water Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons wishing to receive a copy of EPA's Consolidated Rules, review the Complaint or other documents filed in this proceeding, comment upon the proposed penalty assessment, or otherwise participate in the proceeding should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above.

The administrative record for the proceeding is located in the EPA Regional Office at the address stated above, and the file will be open for public inspection during normal business hours. All information submitted by the Klein Products of Kansas, Inc., is available as part of the administrative record subject to provisions of law restricting public disclosure of confidential information. In order to provide opportunity for public comment, EPA will issue no final order assessing a penalty in this proceeding prior to thirty (30) days from the date of this document.

Dated: January 15, 1999.

Dennis Grams,

Regional Administrator, Region 7.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5499-5]

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement To Consider Policies, Guidance, and Processes to Minimize the Environmental Impacts of Mountaintop Mining and Valley Fills in the Appalachian Coalfields

AGENCIES: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Office of Surface

Mining (OSM), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

PURPOSE: The EPA, Corps, OSM, and FWS, in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with the State of West Virginia, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal to consider developing agency policies, guidance, and coordinated agency decision-making processes to minimize, to the maximum extent practicable, the adverse environmental effects to waters of the United States and to fish and wildlife resources from mountaintop mining operations, and to environmental resources that could be affected by the size and location of fill material in valley fill sites.

DATES: The agencies invite comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis, including the regulatory issues and significant environmental effects to be addressed in the EIS. Written comments from the public regarding the environmental and regulatory issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS should be received in writing by March 31, 1999. The agencies will hold public meetings on February 23, 1999, in Summersville, West Virginia; February 24, 1999, in Charleston, West Virginia; and February 25, 1999, in Logan, West Virginia, to receive public input, either verbal or written, on relevant environmental and regulatory issues that should be addressed in the EIS. The locations and starting times of the public meetings are as follows: in Summersville, the meeting will be held at the Nicholas County Veteran's Memorial Park beginning at 6:30 p.m.; in Charleston, the meeting will be held at the rotunda at Riggleman Hall, University of Charleston in the afternoon from 2-4 p.m. and in the evening beginning at 6:30 p.m.; and in Logan, the meeting will be held at the Chief Logan State Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. Other public meetings may also be held and will be announced at a later date.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning this proposal to William Hoffman, Environmental Protection Agency, 3ES30, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19103-2029; e-mail address, hoffman.william@epamail.epa.gov; telephone: 215-814-2995. Requests to be placed on the mailing list should also be sent to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action