

of environmental effects on the health and well-being of mothers and children. Experts on various types of cohort studies will present background on their respective approaches. Presentations will highlight issues that need to be considered in deciding to commence such a study, including specific advantages and disadvantages of each type, and its overall feasibility. Discussants will comment on each approach. Interested parties may register to attend as observers.

DATES: The meeting date is January 12, 2000. The times for the meeting are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting site is the Hubert Humphrey Building, Stonehenge Room, 6th floor, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. The workshop is open to the public, but seating is limited. Those planning to attend must register no later than January 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register as an observer by January 7, 2000, contact Ms. Cyndy Hale, HHS/CDC/NCEH, 4770 Buford Highway, N.W. MS F15, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724; telephone: 770-488-4637; facsimile: 770-488-7361; email: cmh5@cdc.gov. For further information, contact Dr. Carole Kimmel, EPA, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8623D), Washington, D.C. 20460; telephone 202-564-3307; fax: 202-565-0050; E-mail: kimmel.carole@epa.gov.

Dated: December 10, 1999.

William H. Farland,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6512-1]

Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant an exclusive patent license.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404, EPA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing, revocable license to practice the invention described and claimed in the patent listed below, all corresponding patents issued throughout the world, and all reexamined patents and reissued patents granted in connection with such patent, to Lane Regional Air Pollution

Authority, Springfield, Oregon. The patent is:

U.S. Patent No. 5,333,511, entitled "Portable Controlled Air Sampler," issued August 2, 1994.

The invention was announced as being available for licensing in the April 26, 1995 issue of the **Federal Register** (60 FR 20490). Co-inventor Schweiss' interest has been assigned to his employer, the Government of the United States, as represented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Co-inventor Boyum's interest has been exclusively licensed to the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority. The proposed exclusive license will contain appropriate terms, limitations and conditions to be negotiated in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and the U.S. Government patent licensing regulations at 37 CFR Part 404.

EPA will negotiate the final terms and conditions and grant the exclusive license, unless within 60 days from the date of this Notice, EPA receives, at the address below, written objections to the grant, together with supporting documentation. The documentation from objecting parties having an interest in practicing the above patent should include an application for exclusive or nonexclusive license with the information set forth in 37 CFR 404.8. The EPA Patent Counsel and other EPA officials will review all written responses and then make recommendations on a final decision to the Regional Administrator for Region X or to a Region X Office Director who has been delegated the authority to issue patent licenses under 35 U.S.C. 207.

DATES: Comments to this notice must be received by EPA at the address listed below by February 18, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Ehrlich, Patent Counsel, Office of General Counsel (Mail Code 2377A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C. 20460, telephone (202) 564-5457.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

Marla E. Diamond,

Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6511-7]

Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(g)(4) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; In Re: Saco Municipal Landfill Superfund Site, Saco, Maine

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; 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 for recovery of past response costs and projected future response costs concerning the Saco Municipal Landfill Superfund Site, Saco, Maine. The settlement requires the settling party, the Joseph M. Herman Shoe Company, Inc., to reimburse the Environmental Protection Agency (the "Agency") for response costs incurred and to be incurred at the Saco Municipal Landfill Superfund Site. This amount includes a premium to cover risks associated with the settlement. The settling party will make a payment of \$18,000 into the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund. In addition, the settlement includes a covenant not to sue the settling party 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 Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02214.

DATES: Comments must be submitted within 30 (thirty) days of publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Mailcode RAA, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, and should refer to: In re: Saco Municipal Landfill Superfund Site, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-1-99-0067.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the proposed settlement can be obtained from Ann Gardner, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Mailcode SES, Boston, Massachusetts 02214, (617) 918-1895.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

Frank Ciavattieri,

Acting Director, Office of Site Remediation and Restoration.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The FDIC, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Currently, the FDIC is soliciting comments concerning an information collection titled "Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions."

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Tamara R. Manly, Management Analyst (Regulatory Analysis), (202) 898-7453, Office of the Executive Secretary, Room 4058, Attention: Comments/OES, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429. All comments should refer to "Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions." Comments may be hand-delivered to the guard station at the rear of the 17th Street Building (located on F Street), on business days between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. [FAX number (202) 898-3838; Internet address: comments@fdic.gov].

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the FDIC: Alexander Hunt, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, D.C. 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamara R. Manly, at the address identified above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposal to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

Title: Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions.

OMB Number: 3064-0028.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: All financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,094.

Estimated Time per Response: 19.44 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 99,027 hours.

General Description of Collection: The collection ensures that banks effecting securities transactions maintain adequate records and controls over securities transactions they effect.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimates of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments submitted in response to this notice also will be summarized or included in the FDIC's requests to OMB for renewal of this collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated at Washington, D.C., this 13th day of December, 1999.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency is submitting a request for review and approval of an expired information collection. The information collection concerns the certification of basements as floodproofed by licensed engineers of architects. This certification is normally performed during or immediately following construction of a house.

The request is submitted under the emergency processing procedures in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulation 5 CFR 1320.13. FEMA is requesting that this information collection be approved by December 17, 1999. The approval will authorize FEMA to use the collection through June 30, 2000.

FEMA plans to follow this emergency request with a request for a 3-year approval. The request will be processed under OMB's normal clearance procedures in accordance with the provisions of OMB regulation 5 CFR 1320.10. To help us with the timely processing of the emergency and normal clearance submissions to OMB, FEMA invites the general public to comment on the proposed collection of information. This notice and request for comments is in accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the floodplain management regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) at 44 CFR 60.3, communities that participate in the NFIP must ensure that all new construction in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) has the lowest floor elevation to or above the 100-year flood elevation, or Base Flood Elevation (BFE). This requirement is to ensure that the risks to new buildings in SFHAs is sufficiently small that frequent flood losses are reduced and flood insurance can be made available at reasonable rates. However at 44 CFR 60.6 (c), regulations allow communities to apply for an exception to permit the construction of floodproofed residential basements in SFHAs. If the community meets the criteria for an exception as described in 44 CFR 60.6 (d) (2) (i)-(iii), the community requests and receives an exception from FEMA that will allow floodproofed basements to be built in SFHAs in the community. Construction