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Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may register by phone by contacting the Safe Drinking Water Hotline by August 10, 1998 at 1-800-426-4791. Those registered for the meeting will receive background materials prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background on the National Contaminant Occurrence Database

The Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (SDWA Amendments, section 126, appendix A) require establishing a NCOD to: (1) Include both regulated and unregulated contaminants; (2) identify contaminants that may be placed on the Contaminant Candidate List; (3) support the Administrator's determinations to regulate contaminants in the future; (4) support the review of existing regulations every six years and of monitoring requirements; (5) make the data base available to the public in readily accessible form; and (6) be assembled by August 1999, and maintained thereafter.

The NCOD is planned to be a collection of data of documented quality on unregulated and regulated chemical, radiological, microbial, and physical contaminants, and other such contaminants likely to occur, in finished, raw and source waters of public water systems (PWS) of the United States and its territories.

B. Request for Stakeholder Involvement

The upcoming meeting deals specifically with EPA's efforts to develop the user interface tools to provide information within the NCOD to the general public. The EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) sees the involvement of interested parties, representing a variety of perspectives and expertise, as critical to meeting the requirement established in the 1996 SDWA amendments. Specifically, the amendments stipulate the information within the NCOD will be provided to the public in a readily accessible format. This JAD meeting will provide an important opportunity for such involvement. Some anticipated issues for discussion include the following questions:

1. Should the NCOD provide data currently available in other EPA water data systems (e.g., SDWIS, STORET)? Should the NCOD provide products to the public, in addition to the products and queries used to satisfy the internal primary drinking water program goals of

the NCOD (e.g., establish and maintain Contaminant Candidate List (CCL); determination to regulate or not regulate future contaminants; review existing regulations; etc.)?

2. What is a "readily accessible format"? Is INTERNET access enough? What type of non-electronic format is needed?

3. What capabilities are needed by the public: download query results, graphs, charts, tabular results?

4. What, if any, restrictions should be placed on the amount of data a user could electronically download? Should someone be able to download one hundred megabytes of data on a 14400 modem?

5. If electronic access time is restricted, as indicated above, how could data be provided (file type and media) for public use?

EPA has convened this public meeting to hear the views of stakeholders on the development of the public access component of the NCOD. The public is invited to provide comments on the issues listed above or other related issues during the August 17-18, 1998 meeting.

Dated: July 10, 1998.

Elizabeth Fellows,

Acting Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6125-4]

Interstate Lead Company Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed de minimis settlement and modification of consent decree.

SUMMARY: Under section 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed to settle claims for response costs at the Interstate Lead Company (ILCO) Superfund Site located in Leeds, Alabama with the City of Leeds. EPA will consider public comment on the proposed settlement for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

DATES: Written comments may be submitted to Mrs. Kim Dao-Vu at the

below address on or before August 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

A copy of the proposed settlement is available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303, 404/562-8887.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition, the EPA intends to request the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama to modify the Consent Decree relating to the ILCO Superfund Site entered in *U.S. v. Alpert Iron & Metal, et al*, Case No. CV-97-AR-0001 to add the following parties as Defendants in such matter:

Baker Iron & Metal Company, Inc.
Crown/Battery Mfg. Co. Inc.
D.H. Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc.
Daniell Battery Manufacturing Company, Inc.
Shredders, Inc.
Southern Foundry Supply, Inc.
Southern Scrap Company, Inc.
Taracorp, Inc.

EPA will consider public comment on the proposed modification for thirty (30) days. EPA may withdraw from the proposed modification should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. A copy of the Consent Decree is available from Ms. Paula V. Batchelor at above mentioned address. Written comments may be submitted to Mrs. Kim Dao-Vu at the above address within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: June 29, 1998.

Franklin E. Hill,

Chief, Programs Services Branch, Waste Management Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6125-3]

Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Allied Waste Systems, Inc. and Prestige Foods Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: Notice of De Minimis Settlement: In accordance with section 122(I)(1) of the Comprehensive