

Protection Agency (EPA). This District Court order followed a U.S. Court of Appeals decision in which the First Circuit determined that it was appropriate to refer this question to EPA for an "administrative determination."

Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Blackstone Valley Electric Co., 67 F.3d 981 (1st Cir. 1995).

As explained in the preliminary administrative determination document, it is EPA's preliminary administrative determination that ferric ferrocyanide is one of the "cyanides" within the meaning of 40 CFR 401.15, 40 CFR 302.4, and Table 302.4. This preliminary administrative determination is being issued in order to respond to the referral from the District Court. It is not a legislative rule and notice and comment is not required. However, EPA is soliciting public comment because it had previously notified interested parties of its intent to do so.

Dated: January 18, 2001.

J. Charles Fox,

Assistant Administrator for Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6936-6]

Draft National Coastal Condition Report

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice of availability is hereby given for a 60-day public comment period on the draft National Coastal Condition Report describing the condition of the Nation's coastal waters. Coastal waters are valuable from both an environmental and economic perspective. These waters are also vulnerable to pollution from diverse sources. EPA expects that this report on the condition of coastal waters will support more informed decisions concerning protection of this resource and will increase public awareness of the extent and seriousness of pollution of these waters. EPA seeks public input concerning the information used in the report, the availability of additional data, and the appropriateness of conclusions drawn from the information presented.

DATES: Written comments must be received by March 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Barry Burgan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (4504-F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-7060; fax (202) 260-9960.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry Burgan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (4504-F) 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. See Supplementary information section for electronic access and filing address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The National Coastal Condition Report describes the condition of coastal waters based on available information. The report concludes that the overall condition of coastal waters is fair to poor with some variation in conditions from region to region. A combination of data, mostly from EPA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is used to present indicators of coastal condition and a broad baseline picture of the condition of coastal waters. The Report also highlights several exemplary programs at the Federal, State, Tribal, and local levels that show coastal condition at various regional scales.

This Report is the first attempt to provide the public with a comprehensive picture of the health of the Nation's coastal waters. It will serve as a useful benchmark for analyzing the progress of coastal management programs in the future. We recognize that data are not currently available to characterize all the estuarine and near-coastal waters of the country and that work is still needed in formulating improved indicators of the coastal condition. Public input on the draft Report regarding data completeness, the choice of indicators, the methodologies used to synthesize data, the "bars" set for each indicator, the choice of spatial scales and the overall Report presentation is important to us in preparing this and future reports.

II. Electronic Access and Filing

You may view and download the draft Report on EPA's Internet site at the Office of Water homepage at <http://epa.gov/ow/> under What's New in Water. You may submit comments by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to burgan.barry@epa.gov; comments may also be mailed to Barry Burgan at the following address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (4504-F), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington,

DC 20460. Submit comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Identify all comments and data in electronic form by docket number.

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J. Charles Fox,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed CERCLA Administrative Settlement—Rocky Flats Industrial Park, Jefferson County, CO

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of 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 the proposed administrative settlement under Section 122(g) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622, concerning the Rocky Flats Industrial Park site between EPA, the State of Colorado, and the settling parties listed in the Supplementary Information portion of this notice. The Rocky Flats Industrial Park Superfund Site, is located in the 17,000 block of West Highway 72, approximately 2½ miles east of the intersection of State Highways 72 and 93 in unincorporated Jefferson County, Colorado near the City of Arvada ("Site"). The settlement, embodied in proposed Administrative Order on Consent for Removal Action, EPA Docket No. CERCLA-8-2000-20 ("AOC"), is designed to partially resolve each settling party's liability at the Site through a covenant not to sue for past response costs, and for work performed, under Sections 104 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9604 and 9607. The proposed AOC requires the Potentially Responsible Parties ("PRPs") listed below to implement the selected response actions at the Site.

Opportunity for Comment: For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, 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