ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Reportable Quantities: Removal of Caprolactam From the List of CERCLA Hazardous Substances

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to amend regulations under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, to remove caprolactam (CAS No. 105–60–2) from the list of CERCLA hazardous substances. Today's action follows the removal of caprolactam from the list of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) under section 112(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

In the Rules and Regulations section of today's **Federal Register**, EPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without a prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. The rationale for approving this action is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse written comments are received in response to the direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse written comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule before its effective date by publishing a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register**. All public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments referring to Docket Number (102RQ–CAP) may be mailed to Lynn Beasley, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response (5204G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, Phone: (703) 603–9086. Copies of public comments and other materials supporting EPA's decision to remove caprolactam from the Clean Air Act and CERCLA lists of hazardous substances may be examined at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund Docket and Document Center, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway (1st floor), Arlington, Virginia 22202. Docket hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call (703) 603–9232 for an appointment. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge; additional copies cost $0.15 per page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on specific aspects of this final rule, contact Lynn Beasley by mail at Office of Emergency and Remedial Response (5204G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, by phone at (703) 603–9086, or by Internet e-mail at beasley.lynn@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct final rule published in the final rules section of today's **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 9, 1998.

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Administrator.

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