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Proposed Settlement Under Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h), Emory Plating Company Superfund Site, Des Moines, Iowa

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement under Section 122(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h), Emory Plating Company Superfund Site, Des Moines, Iowa.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to enter into an administrative settlement to resolve claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h). This settlement is intended to resolve the liability of Kent E. Easterday, Richard Hansen, Gary Akes, and Emory Liquidation, Inc. (hereinafter "Respondents") for the response costs incurred at the Emory Plating Company Superfund Site, 3929 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

DATES: Written comments must be provided on or before September 25, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Regional Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101 and should refer to: In the Matter of Emory Plating Company Superfund Site, Kent E. Easterday, Richard Hansen, Gary Akes, Emory Liquidation, Inc., EPA Docket No. VII-95-F-0005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J.D. Stevens, Assistant Regional Counsel, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101, (913) 551-7322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed settling parties are Emory Liquidation, Inc. (formerly known as Emory Plating Company) and its owners, Kent E. Easterday, Richard Hansen, and Gary Akes. Respondent Emory Liquidation, Inc. is the owner of the Emory Plating Company Superfund Site ("Site") property. Respondents Kent E. Easterday, Richard Hansen and Gary Akes were the owners of Emory Liquidation, Inc. prior to its dissolution. The Emory Plating Company Superfund

Site was a former electroplating facility located at 3929 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

On July 13, 1992, the Environmental Protection Agency conducted a removal assessment to sample vats, drums and soils at the Site. This investigation revealed the presence of hazardous substances including cyanides, lead and corrosive solutions. The materials abandoned at the facility presented a significant threat to nearby populations.

The site was acquired by the Emory Plating Company in 1976. In 1985, the business and property were sold to Musser Enterprises, Inc., under a Purchase Offer and Agreement. Musser Enterprises, Inc. operated an electroplating business at the site until abandoning the facility and defaulting on the Purchase Offer and Agreement in approximately 1986. Emory Liquidation, Inc. continues to own the site property.

The EPA initiated a removal action in April 1993. The removal action that was concluded in December 1993 included the following activities: (1) characterization of the wastes in the building; (2) stabilization of uncontained waste by placement in containers; (3) excavation of contaminated soil; and (4) removal and disposal of hazardous waste and contaminated soil from the Site.

The proposed settlement provides that Respondents will make their best efforts to sell the property located at the Site and turn over to EPA the proceeds from the sale, deducting legal and appraisal fees, realtor's commissions and related taxes. The proposed settlement provides that EPA will covenant not to sue Respondents for all civil liability under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), for reimbursement of response costs incurred at or in connection with the Site as of the effective date of the Agreement.

Dated: July 3, 1995.

Michael J. Sanderson,
Director, Superfund Division.

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Dated: August 21, 1995.

Joseph C. Polking,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Maedgen & White, Ltd., et al.; Acquisitions of Companies Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

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