

Showcase Communities, using the detailed criteria listed below.

1. *Brownfields Potential*: Describe the brownfields that exist, or are perceived to exist, in the community and that have reasonable potential for environmental restoration and economic reuse in the near-term.

2. *Community Need*: Describe how this is an area which has social and economic conditions which would benefit from Federal assistance for brownfields cleanup and redevelopment.

3. *Local Commitment*: Describe the degree of local commitment to brownfields cleanup and redevelopment including existing community efforts and investment of community resources.

4. *Federal, State, and Local Partnerships*: Describe the Federal, State, and local agencies and organizations participating in the community's brownfields activities, including other programs and funds available for brownfields activities.

5. *Strategic Planning*: Describe the extent to which the brownfields strategy is part of a larger redevelopment strategy that will link brownfields cleanup to economic redevelopment strategies, job creation, increased environmental protection, and sustainability.

6. *Management Capability*: Describe prior experience or knowledge in managing similar redevelopment, cleanup, and community participation activities. Also describe what specific planning and programmatic requirements have been met for Federal financing programs anticipated for use.

7. *Environmental Justice*: Describe the extent to which low-income, minority, and other disadvantaged communities will participate in the development of community brownfields redevelopment plans.

8. *National Replicability*: Describe how the community will serve as a model for other similarly situated communities in addressing brownfields redevelopment.

Communities that are invited to submit Phase II proposals should respond directly to these criteria in their proposals. Further application requirements and guidelines will be provided to the candidate communities to assist them in preparing their application. Note that in Phase I (the initial Statement of Interest) of the selection process, interested communities should consider the detailed criteria, but do not have to respond to each criterion.

DATES: Submit Statements of Interest on or before September 19, 1997. All

proposals must be postmarked or sent to EPA via registered or tracked mail by the deadline cited above.

ADDRESSES: Address Statements of Interest to Gayle Rice or Sven-Erik Kaiser, U.S. EPA (5101), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gayle Rice, 202-260-8431 or Sven-Erik Kaiser, 202-260-5138.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Additional information, if any, will be updated on the Internet Worldwide Web at the Universal Resource Location address of "http://www.epa.gov/brownfields." Persons lacking Internet access can communicate with the contact persons listed above.

Dated: August 14, 1997.

Timothy Fields, Jr.,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5878-2]

Determination of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's Compliance With Applicable Federal Environmental Laws for the Period October 1994-1996

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that, for the period October 1994 to October 1996, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), which is operated by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), was in compliance with the pertinent Federal statutes and regulations designated in section 9(a)(1) of the 1992 Land Withdrawal Act, as amended. The Secretary of Energy was notified of the determination via letter from EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner dated August 14, 1997.

This determination was made under the authority of Section 9 of the amended WIPP Land Withdrawal Act. (Pub. L. Nos. 102-579 and 104-201.) Section 9 requires the Administrator of EPA to determine on a biennial basis, following the submittal of documentation of compliance by the Secretary of DOE, whether the WIPP is in compliance with EPA's standards for the management and storage of radioactive waste (40 CFR part 191, subpart A), the Clean Air Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, the

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and all other applicable Federal laws protecting public health and safety or the environment. This determination applies to WIPP's compliance with these laws during the period October 1994 to October 1996.

This determination is not directly related to, nor is it a part of, EPA's certification decision regarding whether the WIPP complies with the disposal standards for transuranic radioactive waste (40 CFR part 191). The certification decision will be accomplished through a separate rulemaking pursuant to the standards and procedures mandated by section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act, and in accordance with EPA's WIPP compliance certification criteria regulations at 40 CFR part 194. (61 FR 58499, November 15, 1996.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Monroe; telephone number: 202-233-9310; address: Radiation Protection Division, Mail Code 6602J, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460.

Dated: August 14, 1997.

Carol M. Browner,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5878-3]

Determination of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's Compliance With Applicable Federal Environmental Laws for the Period October 1992-1994

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that, for the period October 1992 to October 1994, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), which is operated by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), was in compliance with the Federal statutes and regulations designated in subparagraphs (A), (B), (D), (E), (F), and, in pertinent part, (H) of Section 9(a)(1) of the 1992 Land Withdrawal Act (LWA), as amended. To the extent that DOE has not provided EPA with documentation attesting to compliance with DOE orders, notices, and directives pertaining to public health, safety, and the environment for that period, EPA cannot determine DOE's compliance with respect to Section 9(a)(1)(G) and, in

pertinent part, (H) of the LWA. The Secretary of Energy was notified of the determination via letter from EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner dated August 14, 1997.

This determination was made under the authority of Section 9 of the amended WIPP Land Withdrawal Act. (Pub. L. Nos. 102-579 and 104-201.) Section 9 requires the Administrator of EPA to determine on a biennial basis, following the submittal of documentation of compliance by the Secretary of DOE, whether the WIPP is in compliance with EPA's standards for the management and storage of radioactive waste (40 CFR part 191, subpart A), the Clean Air Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and all other applicable Federal laws protecting public health and safety or the environment. This determination applies to WIPP's compliance with these laws during the period October 1992 to October 1994.

This determination is not directly related to, nor is it a part of, EPA's certification decision regarding whether the WIPP complies with the disposal standards for transuranic radioactive waste (40 CFR part 191). The certification decision will be accomplished through a separate rulemaking pursuant to the standards and procedures mandated by section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act, and in accordance with EPA's WIPP compliance certification criteria regulations at 40 CFR part 194. (61 FR 58499, November 15, 1996.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Monroe; telephone number: 202-233-9310; address: Radiation Protection Division, Mail Code 6602J, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460.

Dated: August 14, 1997.

Carol M. Browner,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPP-50834; FRL-5737-9]

Issuance of Experimental Use Permits

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has granted experimental use permits to the following applicants.

These permits are in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of 40 CFR part 172, which defines EPA procedures with respect to the use of pesticides for experimental use purposes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7501W), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

In person or by telephone: Contact the product manager at the following address at the office location, telephone number, or e-mail address cited in each experimental use permit: 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA.

275-EUP-81. Extension. Abbott Laboratories, Dept. 28R, Bldg. A1, 1401 Sheridan Road, North Chicago, IL 60064-4000. This experimental use permit allows the use of 132.3 pounds of the plant growth regulator gibberellic acid on 600 acres of hybrid rice to evaluate its plant growth regulation properties. The program is authorized only in the States of Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas. The experimental use permit is effective from May 19, 1997 to September 1, 1997. (Denise Greenway, CS1 5th floor, 703-308-8263, e-mail: greenway.denise@epamail.epa.gov)

70060-EUP-1. Issuance. Engelharo Corporation, 101 Wood Ave., Iselin, NJ 08830. This experimental use permit allows the use of 273,000 pounds of the biological insecticide kaolin clay on 1,365 acres of apples, apricots, bananas, beans, cane berries, citrus fruits, corn, cotton, cranberries, cucurbits, grapes, melons, nuts, ornamentals, peaches, peanuts, pears, peppers, plums, potatoes, seed crops, small grains, soybeans, strawberries, sugar beets, and tomatoes to evaluate the control of certain insect, fungus, and bacterial damage to plants. The program is authorized in the States of Alabama, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia. The experimental use permit is effective from March 18, 1997 to December 31, 1999. A temporary tolerance exemption for residues of the active ingredient in or on the above-referenced crops has been established. (Sheryl Reilly, CM #2, CS1 5th floor, 703-308-8265, e-mail: reilly.sheryl@epamail.epa.gov)

Persons wishing to review these experimental use permits are referred to the designated product managers. Inquires concerning these permits

should be directed to the person cited above. It is suggested that interested persons call before visiting the EPA office, so that the appropriate file may be made available for inspection purposes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Experimental use permits.

Dated: August 12, 1997.

Janet L. Andersen,

Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) under the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties can review or obtain copies of agreements at the Washington, DC offices of the Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Room 962. Interested parties may submit comments on an agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573, within 10 days of the date this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Agreement No.: 203-011517-002.

Title: APL/Crowley Space Charter and Sailing Agreement.

Parties: American President Lines, Ltd., Crowley American Transport, Inc.
Synopsis: The proposed amendment would expand the geographic scope of the Agreement to include service between United States ports and points in Puerto Rico, and ports and points in the Caribbean Sea, Mexico, and Central America, and between U.S. Atlantic and Gulf Ports, and inland points via such ports, and ports and points in the Caribbean Sea, Mexico, Central America, and South America. The amendment also revises the number and port rotation of the vessels operated by the parties in the Agreement trade. The parties have requested a shortened review period.

Agreement No.: 207-011586.

Title: Transroll Navegacao, S.A./NPR Holding Co. Joint Venture Agreement.

Parties: Transroll Navegacao, S.A., NPR Holding Corporation.

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement creates a new company, Transroll-