following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed settlement is available for public inspection at USEPA, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007–1866. A copy of the proposed settlement may be obtained from Cynthia Psoras, Assistant Regional Counsel, USEPA, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866, (212) 637-3169. Comments should reference the Pyridium Mercury Disposal Superfund Sites #1 & #2 located in the Village of Harriman, Orange County, New York, EPA Index No. CERCLA-02-99-02007, and should be addressed to Cynthia Psoras, Assistant Regional Counsel, USEPA, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at the Monroe Free Public Library located at 44 Millpond Parkway, Monroe, NY 10950 (914) 783-4411, and at the EPA, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia Psoras, Assistant Regional Counsel, USEPA, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007–1866, (212) 637–3169.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

Dated: December 14, 1999.

### William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator. [FR Doc. 99–33955 Filed 12–29–99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560–50–M

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6517-2]

Notice of Proposed Administrative Settlement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as Amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; South Bay Asbestos Superfund Site

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection

Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 122(I) of the Comprehensive

Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given that a proposed administrative cost recovery settlement concerning the South Bay Asbestos Site in the Alviso district of San Jose, California was executed by the Agency on December 16, 1999. The proposed settlement resolves an EPA claim under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA against the following Respondents: CertainTeed Corporation and T&N Limited; T&N Industries Inc. The proposed settlement was entered into under the authority granted EPA in Section 122(h) of CERCLA, and requires the Respondents to pay \$800,000 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund in settlement of past costs. For thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, the Agency will receive written comments relating to the settlement. The Agency's response to any comments received will be available for public inspection at: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Superfund Record Center, 4th floor, 95 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California, 94105.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The proposed settlement as set forth in the Administrative Consent Order may be obtained from Jeannie Cervera, Assistant Regional Counsel (ORC–2), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California, 94105. Comments regarding the proposed settlement should be sent to Jeannie Cervera at the address provided above, and should reference the South Bay Asbestos site located in San Jose, California (EPA Docket No. 99–06).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Cervera, Assistant Regional Counsel, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, (415) 744–1395.

Dated: December 17, 1999.

### Keith Takata,

Director, Superfund Division.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6500-4]

State Program Requirements; Application To Administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program; Maine

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of application for approval of the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

**SUMMARY:** The State of Maine has submitted a request for approval of the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Program pursuant to Section 402 of the Clean Water Act. If EPA approves the MEPDES program, the State will administer this program, which regulates the discharges of point sources to navigable waters, subject to continuing EPA oversight and enforcement authority, in place of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program now administered by EPA in Maine. Today, EPA is requesting comments on the State's request and providing notice of a public hearing and comment period on that proposal. EPA will either approve or disapprove the State's request after considering all comments it receives.

DATES: EPA Region I will hold a public hearing on February 16, 2000 beginning at 7:00 p.m. for submission of oral or written comments on Maine's request for program approval. EPA Region I will continue to accept written comments through February 29, 2000 at its office in Boston, MA. EPA requests that copies of such written comments also be provided to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP).

ADDRESSES: The February 16, 2000, public hearing will be held at the Augusta Civic Center (Capital Pine Tree Room), Augusta, ME.

Written comments must be submitted to: Stephen Silva, USEPA Maine State Office, 1 Congress Street—Suite 1100 (CME), Boston, MA 02114–2023. EPA requests that a copy of each comment be submitted to: Dennis Merrill, MEDEP, Statehouse Station #17, Augusta, ME 34003.

Copies of documents Maine has submitted in support of its program approval request may be reviewed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at: EPA Region I, 11th Floor Library, 1 Congress Street—Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114–2023, 617–918–1990 or 1–888–372–5427; and MEDEP, Ray Building, Hospital Street, Augusta, ME.