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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300
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Proposed National Priorities List, Appendix B of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY:

The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") proposes to add to the proposed National Priorities List (47 FR 58476) one additional site, Times Beach, Missouri. The National Priorities List ("NPL") was proposed on December 30, 1982, as an amendment to the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan ("NCP") (47 FR 31180). The NCP was promulgated as required by Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA") which also required that the NCP include a list of national priorities among the known or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants in the United States, and that the list be revised at least annually. The NPL identifies priority releases for Fund-financed remedial action and enforcement under CERCLA. EPA is taking this step pursuant to the requirement of CERCLA. Placement of Times Beach on the NPL at this time allows the Agency an opportunity to evaluate the widest range of long and short term responses to the release, taking into account the threat to public health and current dislocation of most residents and businesses.

DATE:

Comments must be submitted on or before April 4, 1983.

ADDRESSES:

Comments on this action may be mailed to:

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The public docket for the NPL will contain the applicable Hazard Ranking System score sheets for the Times Beach site as well as a Documentation Record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The NPL was proposed on December 30, 1982. Subsequent to its proposal, the Times Beach site came to the Agency's attention as a serious candidate for inclusion on the NPL.

The Time Beach, Missouri, site was one of over 100 sites in the State of Missouri at which dioxin contamination was suspected in November 1982. Extensive sampling by EPA in Times Beach in late November-early December 1982 confirmed the presence of dioxin along roadway areas. After the area was flooded in December, EPA returned to re-sample the area and again confirmed the presence of dioxin in residences and yards as well as the roadway areas.

The second round of sampling provided adequate data to assess the nature and extent of the release and to assist in determining its priority for Fund-financed response as required by § 300.66(b) of the National Contingency Plan. The results of the scoring indicated Times Beach should be placed on the NPL.

The decision to add Times Beach to the NPL immediately rather than waiting for the first update stems from the serious nature of the problem. Dioxin is one of the most toxic substances known to man; it is carcinogenic and suspected to have effects on reproductive systems. The area where the dioxin is located was completely flooded and most of the residents are in temporary housing awaiting a determination of the appropriate action necessary to deal with the release. Placement of Times Beach on the NPL at this time allows the Agency an opportunity to evaluate the widest range of long and short term responses to the release, taking into account the threat to public health and current dislocation of most residents and businesses.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR part 300

Air pollution control, Chemicals, Hazardous material, Intergovernmental relations, Natural resources, Oil pollution, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund, Waste treatment and disposal, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Dated: February 22, 1983.

Anne M. Burford,
Administrator.

PART 300 - [AMENDED]

It is proposed to add an additional site on the National Priorities List which is Appendix B, a proposed amendment to 40 CFR Part 300. The site would appear as the next to last site in Group 5, as follows:

Group 5

EPA region	State	City/county	Site name	Response status *
07	MO	Times Beach	Times Beach	D

- * V=Voluntary or Negotiated Response
- R=Federal and State Responses
- E=Federal and State Enforcement
- D=Actions to be Determined

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