entered in EDF v. Browner, Civ. No. 89-0598 (D.D.C.) will be extended only to on or about January 19, 1996, at this time EPA is extending the comment period only until December 15, 1995.

Dated: November 22, 1995.

Michael H. Shapiro,

Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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# **National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency** Plan; National Priorities List

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent To Delete the Whitewood Creek Superfund Site From the National Priorities List: Request for Comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region VIII announces its intent to delete the Whitewood Creek Site (Site) from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comment on this action. The NPL constitutes Appendix B to the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), which EPA promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended. EPA and the State of South Dakota (State) have determined that all appropriate CERCLA response actions have been implemented and that no further response actions are necessary at the Site except required operations and maintenance activities (O&M). Moreover, EPA and the State have determined that remedial activities conducted at the Site are protective of human health and the environment.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the proposed deletion of the Whitewood Creek Site may be submitted to EPA on or before January 2, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Mr. Michael H. McCeney, Remedial Project Manager, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, Mail Code 8EPR/SR, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202, Telephone: (303) 312-6226.

Comprehensive information on this site is available through EPA, Region VIII public docket, located at EPA, Region VIII, Superfund Records Center and is available for viewing from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Requests for

documents should be directed to the EPA, Region VIII Superfund Records Center.

The address for the Region VIII Superfund Records Center is: Superfund Records Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 999 18th Street, 5th Floor, Denver, CO 80202, Telephone: (303) 312-6473.

Background information from the Regional public docket is also available for viewing at the following location: Ms. Judy Meverden, Lawrence County Registry of Deeds Office, P.O. Box 565, Deadwood, South Dakota 57732-0565, Telephone: (605) 578-3930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael H. McCeney (303) 312-6226.

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#### I. Introduction

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VIII announces its intent to delete the Whitewood Creek Site located in Butte, Meade, and Lawrence Counties, South Dakota, from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests comments on this deletion. The NPL constitutes Appendix B of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), as amended. EPA identifies sites that appear to present a significant risk to public health, welfare, or the environment and maintains the NPL as a list of those sites. Sites on the NPL may be the subject of remedial actions financed by the Hazardous Substance Trust Fund (Fund). Pursuant to § 300.425(e)(3) of the NCP, any site deleted from the NPL remains eligible for Fund-financed remedial actions in the unlikely event that future conditions at the site warrant such action.

EPA intends to delete the Whitewood Creek Site from the NPL. EPA will accept comments on this proposed deletion for thirty days following publication of this notice in the Federal

Section II of this notice explains the criteria for deleting sites from the NPL. Section III discusses procedures that EPA is using for this action. Section IV discusses how the Whitewood Creek Site meets the deletion criteria.

Deletion of sites from the NPL does not itself create, alter, or revoke any individual's rights or obligations with regard to an individual site. The NPL is designed primarily for informational

purposes and to assist EPA management.

# II. NPL Deletion Criteria

The NPL establishes the criteria that EPA uses to delete sites from the NPL. In accordance with 40 CFR 300.425(e), sites may be deleted from the NPL where no further response is appropriate. In making this determination, EPA will consider whether any of the following criteria have been met:

- (i) EPA, in consultation with the State, has determined that responsible or other parties have implemented all appropriate response actions required;
- (ii) All appropriate Fund-financed responses under CERCLA have been implemented and EPA, in consultation with the State, has determined that no further response action by responsible parties is appropriate; or

(iii) Based on a remedial investigation, EPA, in consultation with the State, has determined that the release poses no significant threat to public health or the environment and, therefore, taking remedial measures is

not appropriate.

For all Remedial Actions (RAs) which result in hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at the site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. EPA shall review such action no less often than every five years after initiation of the selected RA.

## III. Deletion Procedures

EPA, Region VIII will accept and evaluate public comments before making a final decision to delete the Whitewood Creek Site. The following procedures were used for the intended deletion of this Site:

- (1) EPA, Region VIII has recommended deletion of the Whitewood Creek Site and has prepared the relevant documents:
- (2) The State of South Dakota has concurred with EPA's recommendation for deletion:
- (3) Concurrent with this National Notice of Intent to Delete, a notice has been published in local newspapers and has been distributed to appropriate Federal, State and local officials, and other interested parties; and

(4) EPA, Region VIII has made all relevant documents available in the Regional Office and local Site information repositories.

Comments received during the notice and comment period will be evaluated before making a final decision to delete. Region VIII will prepare a Responsiveness Summary, which will