

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by December 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted either by mail or electronically. Written comments should be mailed to Wayne Kaiser, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. Electronic comments should be sent either to kaiser.wayne@epa.gov, or to <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is an alternative method for submitting electronic comments to EPA. To submit comments, please follow the detailed instructions described in "What action is EPA taking" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Kaiser at (913) 551-7603, or by e-mail at kaiser.wayne@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the final rules section of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the state's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no relevant adverse comments to this action. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this action. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed action. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on part of this rule and if that part can be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those parts of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment. For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 17, 2003.

William W. Rice,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

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

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of intent for partial deletion of the Del Monte Corporation (Oahu Plantation) Superfund Site from the National Priorities List.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Region IX announces its intent to delete the Poamoho Section of the Del Monte Corporation Superfund Site ("the site"), located in Oahu, Hawaii, from the National Priorities List ("NPL") and requests public comment on this proposed action. The NPL constitutes appendix B to the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan ("NCP"), 40 CFR part 300, which EPA promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA") of 1980, as amended. The remaining portion of the site will remain on the NPL. EPA and the State of Hawaii Department of Health have determined that, based on the Remedial Investigation, taking remedial measures on the Poamoho Section of the site would not be appropriate. The Remedial Investigation results indicate no response action is necessary to protect human health, welfare or the environment related to hazardous substances released on the Poamoho Section.

DATES: Comments concerning the proposed partial deletion of the Site from the NPL may be submitted on or before December 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Janet Rosati, USEPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, Mail Code SFD-8-2, (415) 972-3165 or (800) 231-3075.

Information Repositories: Comprehensive information on the Poamoho Section as well as information specific to this proposed partial deletion is available through the Region IX public docket which is available for viewing by appointment only. Appointments for copies of the background information from the Regional public docket should be directed to the EPA Region 9 docket office at the following address:

Superfund Records Center, USEPA Region 9, 95 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA. The Record Center's hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, and the Records Center staff can be reached at (415) 536-2000. Another information repository where the public docket is available for public review is the Wahiawa Public Library, 820 California Avenue, Wahiawa, HI 96786.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Rosati, (415) 972-3165.

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I. Introduction

The U.S. EPA Region IX announces its intent to delete the Poamoho Section of the Del Monte Corporation Superfund Site, located in Oahu, Hawaii, from the National Priorities List ("NPL"), which constitutes appendix B of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan ("NCP"), 40 CFR part 300, and requests public comment on this proposed action. EPA identifies sites that appear to present a significant risk to public health, welfare or the environment, and maintains the NPL as the list of these sites. EPA and the State of Hawaii Department of Health have determined, based on the Remedial Investigation, taking remedial measures on the Poamoho Section would not be appropriate. The Remedial Investigation results indicate no response action is necessary to protect human health, welfare or the environment related to hazardous substances released on the Poamoho Section.

EPA will accept comments on the proposal to partially delete this site for thirty (30) days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**.

Section II of this document explains the criteria for deleting sites from the NPL. Section III discusses the procedures EPA is using for this action. Section IV discusses the Poamoho Section of the site and explains how this section meets the partial deletion criteria.

II. NPL Deletion Criteria

The NCP establishes the criteria that EPA uses to delete sites from the NPL. In accordance with 40 CFR 300.425(e)(1), sites may be deleted from the NPL where no further response is appropriate to protect human health or the environment. In making such a determination pursuant to