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The *Environmental Economics Research Strategy* is in two volumes; the first volume is the strategy itself outlined in four chapters, and the second volume contains seven appendices. Chapter 1 explains the background for developing the strategy. Chapter 2 reports the main findings from the needs assessment survey and workshop. Chapter 3 describes how EPA evaluated the remaining gaps in the research literature in priority economic research areas and developed strategic research goals to implement. Chapter 4 describes the research tools or approaches available to implement the strategy and how EPA plans to use these tools to generate and communicate needed research results. The appendices provide more detail on the needs assessment process and results, discuss the relationship of the strategy to other documents, compare the advantages of different research tools available to EPA, and present the external peer review comments and responses.

This *Environmental Economics Research Strategy* was subjected to external peer review by the Environmental Economics Advisory Committee of EPA's Science Advisory Board. The final strategy reflects the comments of both internal and external review.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket No. EPA-R04-SFUND-2005-0501; FRL-8014-4]

A&H Sales Superfund Site, Tampa, FL; Notice of Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Settlement.

SUMMARY: Under section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency has entered into a settlement for the reimbursement of past response costs with Finishmaster, Inc., concerning the A&H Sales Superfund Site located in Tampa, Florida.

DATES: The Agency will consider public comments on the settlement until January 23, 2006. 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.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed settlement are available from Ms. Paula V. Batchelor. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R04-SFUND-2005-0501 or Site name A&H Sales by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: Batchelor.Paula@epa.gov.
- Fax: 404/562-8842.

Mail: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. EPA Region 4, WMD-SEIMB, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. "In addition, please mail a copy of your comments on the information collection provisions to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attn: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503." *Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-R04-SFUND-2005-0501. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail. The

www.regulations.gov Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov> your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the U.S. EPA Region 4 office located at 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Regional office is open from 7 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor within 30 calendar days of the date of this publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula V. Batchelor at 404/562-8887.

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