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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of Denton Pretreatment Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement.

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SUMMARY: EPA is today requesting comments on a draft Project XL Final Project Agreement (FPA) for the City of Denton. The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed collaboratively by Denton, stakeholders, the state of Texas, and EPA. Project XL, announced in the Federal Register on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated sources the flexibility to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits.

Between 1996-1998, the City of Denton Environmental Services Division and the University of North Texas (UNT) Institute of Applied Sciences conducted an 18 month study to assess the feasibility of integrating the industrial pretreatment program activities with those required under the Phase II Stormwater regulations. Funding was made possible by an EPA 104 (b)(3) grant. If implemented, the Denton's draft FPA and a site specific rulemaking would allow Denton to continue implementation of recommendations resulting from that study, which was completed in April of 1998. Denton would like to reduce its monitoring and annual inspections for certain individually approved facilities and focus on pollutants in the urban stormwater drainage. Saved resources will be reapportioned to watershed protection activities including inspections of vehicle maintenance facilities, recycling centers,

junkyards, salvage yards, municipal and school district fleet service operations, construction sites, establishment of a remote creek monitoring network, and incorporation of pollution prevention (P2) BMPs into the local code of ordinances. The site specific rulemaking setting forth the specific regulatory flexibility to be implemented will be developed with the assistance of stakeholders.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on January 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the draft Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Adele Cardenas, 6EN-XP, U.S. EPA REGION 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite # 1200, Dallas, TX 75202-2733, or Chad Carbone, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Room 1027WT (1802), Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Cardenas at (214) 665-3177 or Mr. Carbone at (202) 401-2474. Comments will also be received via electronic mail sent to: cardenas.adele@epa.gov or carbone.chad@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the draft Final Project Agreement, contact: Adele Cardenas, 6EN-XP, U.S. EPA REGION 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite # 1200, Dallas, TX 75202-2733, or Chad Carbone, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Room 1027WT (1802), Washington, DC 20460. The documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>". In addition, public files on the Project are located at EPA Region 6 in Dallas. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Adele Cardenas at (214) 665-7210 or Chad Carbone at (202) 260-4296. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>".

Dated: December 10, 1999.

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