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HAZARDOUS-POLLUTANT LIST PROPOSED

William D. Ruckelshaus, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, today named three hazardous air pollutants for which he will set national standards in the next few months.

The hazardous pollutants -- those to which even slight exposure may contribute to death or serious illness -- were identified in the Federal Register today as asbestos, beryllium, and mercury. They are the first to be identified under the 1970 Clean Air Amendments.

In proposing to list these three contaminants, Ruckelshaus said, "Listing these contaminants as hazardous under the 1970 Clean Air Amendments does not mean that current levels in the air are dangerous. It means that even slight exposure to asbestos, mercury, and beryllium may threaten human health, and we must carefully control any release of these substances to the

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environment."

Under the Clean Air Amendments, listing a substance as a hazardous air pollutant calls for EPA to propose National emission standards for new and existing sources of the hazardous pollutants. After hearings the standards will be promulgated. Standards are to be set within one year of publication of the list.

Ruckelshaus stated that other pollutants will be added to the list if further assessment shows that they are "hazardous" within the meaning of the Act.

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