

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)**

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, and 42 U.S.C. 9622(d)(2), notice is hereby given that on August 12, 1997, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Consolidation Coal Company, et. al.*, Civil Action No. C2-94-785, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division. The proposed Consent Decree resolves the United States pending cost-recovery claims under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607, as well as claims under CERCLA Section 106, 42 U.S.C. 9606, for implementation of remedial action relating to the Buckeye Reclamation Landfill Site (the "Site"), located in Richland Township, Belmont County, Ohio.

The Site is a 658-acre property that was a disposal area for mine refuse until the early 1950s. In 1973, approximately 50 acres of the Site was licensed as a public sanitary landfill. The facility accepted municipal waste from local municipalities and villages, but also received industrial sludge and liquids. The estimated total volumes of industrial waste received are 4.7 million gallons of liquid and 3,300 tons of industrial solid wastes. The Site was listed on the National Priorities List on September 9, 1983.

The settling defendants (collectively, the "Settlers") are four owner/operators (Belmont County, Consolidation Coal Company, Cravat Coal Company, and Ohio Resources Corp.) and 10 generators (Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, Aristech Chemical Corporation, Ashland, Inc., Beazer East, Inc., National Steel Corporation, The Pullman Company, SKF USA, Inc., Triangle Wire & Cable, Inc., USX Corporation, and Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation). The Settlers agree in the proposed Consent Decree to implement the clean up at the Site consistent with the Record of Decision dated August 19, 1991, as modified by the Explanation of Significant Differences dated July 17, 1997 (collectively, the "ROD") at an estimated cost of \$26 million; and to reimburse EPA all future oversight costs in excess of \$300,000.

The Department of Justice will receive comments concerning the proposed Consent Decree for a period of thirty

(30) days from the date of this publication. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C., 20044, and should refer to *United States v. Consolidation Coal Company, et al.*, DOJ Number 90-11-2-1006. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6973(d).

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at any of the following offices: (1) The Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of Ohio, 280 N. High Street, 4th Floor, Columbus, OH (614) 469-5715; (2) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6842; (3) the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. Copies of the proposed Decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. For a copy of the Consent Decree (without attachments), please enclose a check for \$25.50 (\$.25 per page reproduction charge) payable to "Consent Decree Library."

Bruce S. Gelber,

Deputy Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Oil Pollution Act of 1990**

Notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. UNOCAL* Civil Action #H-97-2678 was lodged on August 5, 1997, with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. The parties to the Consent Decree are the United States, on behalf of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior ("DOI" or "Federal Trustee") and the State of Texas on behalf of the Texas General Land Office ("TGLO"), the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission ("TNRCC"), and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ("TPWD") (collectively, "State Trustees") and UNOCAL. Under the terms of the Consent Decree, UNOCAL agrees to pay \$200,000 to

create 3 acres of wetlands in the Neches River basin as compensation for natural resource damages suffered as a result of a discharge of crude oil from a UNOCAL air eliminator discharge line on April 20, 1993, plus \$20,000 in future administrative costs.

Contemporaneously with lodging the Consent Decree, the United States and the State of Texas jointly filed a complaint alleging that UNOCAL is an owner or operator of the facility that released the crude oil within the meaning of the OPA.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. UNOCAL*, DOJ Reference Number 90-5-1-1-4340.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892.

A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$3.50 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Walker Smith,

Deputy Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. (Spindles Project)**

Notice is hereby given that, on July 8, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, Inc. ("NCMS") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its

membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, the following company, ORSCO, Inc., Madison Heights, MI, is no longer a participant in the "Spindles Project."

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and NCMS intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On February 20, 1987, NCMS filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 17, 1987 (52 FR 8375).

On June 6, 1994, NCMS filed its original ("Spindle Project") notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on July 15, 1994 (59 FR 36218).

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed an/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection, the Applicant Background Questionnaire. A copy of the proposed

information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before October 20, 1997. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Anderson Glasgow, U.S. Department of Labor, Human Resources Services Center, 200 Constitution Ave. N.W. Room C-5516, Washington, D.C. 20210; Phone: 202-219-6555 ext. 115; fax: 202-219-5820; internet: aglasgow@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its obligation to provide equal employment opportunities, is charged with ensuring that qualified individuals in groups that have historically been underrepresented in various employments, are included in applicant pools for Department positions. See 5 U.S.C. 7201(c); 29 U.S.C. 791; 29 U.S.C. 2000e-16; 5 C.F.R. 720.204; 29 C.F.R. 1614.101(a). To achieve this goal, DOL employment offices have outreach to a variety of sources, including educational institutions, professional organizations, newspapers and magazines. DOL has also participated in career fairs and conferences, that reach high concentrations of Hispanics, African Americans, Native Americans, and persons with disabilities.

At the present, DOL does not have the ability to evaluate the effectiveness of any of these targeted recruiting strategies because collection of racial

and national origin information only occurs at the point of hiring. DOL needs to collect data on the pools of applicants which result from the various targeted recruitment strategies listed above. After the certification and selection process has been completed, it is necessary to verify individual applications by name and social security number within a merit staffing file in order to analyze the data collected. With the information from this new collection, DOL can adjust and redirect its targeted recruitment to achieve the best result. DOL will also be able to respond to requests for information received from OPM in the course of OPM's evaluation and oversight activities.

II. Current Actions

This new collection will consist of a series of questions to be answered by all job applicants external to DOL, and submitted together with the job application. The collection will request the applicant's name, sex, race and/or national origin, whether or not disabled, and the source of information about the vacancy applied for (e.g., newspaper, school recruitment, internet, etc.)

Type of Review: New.

Agency: U.S. Department of Labor.

Title: Applicant Background Questionnaire.

Agency Number: 1225-0000.

Affected Public: Applicants for positions in the Department of Labor who are not current DOL employees.

Total Respondents: 5000 per year (estimate).

Frequency: one time per respondent.

Total Responses: 5000 per year (estimate).

Average Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 417 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$2285.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$2238.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 18, 1997.

Larry K. Goodwin,

Director of Human Resources.

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