

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, District of New Hampshire, 55 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, at the Region I office of the Environmental Protection Agency, One Congress St., Boston, Massachusetts 02203, and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 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, DC 20005. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$62.25, payable to the Consent Decree Library for the 25 cent per page reproduction cost.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Amended Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on October 30, 1998, the United States lodged a proposed amended consent decree, with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in *United States, et al. v. the City of Rockford, Illinois*, Civil No. 98 C 50026, under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* The Amended Consent Decree resolves certain claims of the United States and the State of Illinois against the City of Rockford, Illinois, under Sections 106(a) and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606(a) and 9607(a) at the Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination ("Site") located in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. Under the proposed Amended Consent Decree, the City of Rockford reaffirms the term and provisions of the original Consent Decree entered by the Court on or about April 9, 1998 (to perform the remedial action selected by U.S. EPA in its September 30, 1995, Record of Decision), and the Plaintiffs will be paid approximately \$14.7 million. The Amended Consent Decree resolves claims of Plaintiffs against the City of Rockford, as set forth in the Amended Consent Decree, and resolves potential claims the Plaintiffs may have against the Covenant Beneficiaries, as set forth

in the Amended Consent Decree. The City of Rockford and Covenant Beneficiaries will receive the covenants not to sue and contribution protection specified in the Amended Consent Decree. The Department of Justice also provides Notice that under section 7003(d) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. 6973(d), the public may request an opportunity for a public meeting at which time they may offer comment.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for 30 days following publication of this Notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States, et al. v. The City of Rockford, Illinois*, (Civil No. 98 C 50026, N.D. Ill.), D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-945. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division, Rockford, Illinois; the Region V Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20005, telephone No. (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., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check for reproduction costs (at 25 cents per page) in the amount of \$13.75 for the Decree, payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. 96-4]

#### Cuong Trong Tran, M.D.; Denial of Application

On October 13, 1995, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an Order to Show Cause to Cuong Trong Tran, M.D. (Respondent), of Alexandria, Virginia, notifying him of an opportunity to show cause as to why

DEA should not deny his application for registration as a practitioner under 21 U.S.C. 823(f), for reason that such registration would be inconsistent with the public interest.

By letter dated November 13, 1995, Respondent filed a request for a hearing, and following prehearing procedures, a hearing was held in Arlington, Virginia on June 3, 4 and 17, 1996, before Administrative Law Judge Mary Ellen Bittner. At the hearing both parties called witnesses to testify and introduced documentary evidence. After the hearing, the Government submitted proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and argument, and Respondent filed a letter in reply to the Government's submission. On January 13, 1998, Judge Bittner issued her Opinion and Recommended Ruling, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision, recommending that Respondent's application for a DEA Certificate of Registration should be denied. On April 24, 1998, Respondent filed exceptions to Judge Bittner's Opinion and Recommended Ruling, and subsequently, Government counsel filed a response to Respondent's exceptions. Thereafter, on May 14 and 21, 1998, Judge Bittner transmitted the record of these proceedings to the Acting Deputy Administrator.

The Acting Deputy Administrator has considered the record in its entirety, and pursuant to 21 CFR 1316.67, hereby issues his final order based upon findings of fact and conclusions of law as hereinafter set forth. The Acting Deputy Administrator adopts, in full, the Opinion and Recommended Ruling of the Administrative Law Judge. His adoption is in no manner diminished by any recitation of facts, issues and conclusions herein, or of any failure to mention a matter of fact or law.

The Acting Deputy Administrator finds that Respondent graduated from medical school in 1965. He has been practicing as a general practitioner in Alexandria, Virginia since 1974. In 1979, a state inspector advised Respondent that a number of his patients were known drug abusers; that it appeared that the patients were seeing Respondent only to obtain drugs; and that Respondent should be more careful in prescribing to his patients. According to the inspector, Respondent indicated that he would be more careful.

Sometime prior to December 1990, DEA and a local police department received reports from local pharmacies and from the Virginia Board of Medicine that Respondent was excessively prescribing controlled substances over extended periods of time. As a result of