

The last notification was filed with the Department on August 21, 1998. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on November 2, 1998 (63 FR 58789).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Southwest Research Institute: Durability and Life Assessment of GTD-111 Buckets

Notice is hereby given that, on October 21, 1998, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Southwest Research Institute: Durability and Life Assessment of GTD-111 Buckets 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, ESB Power Generation, Dublin, IRELAND has been added as a party to this venture. Also, ENRON Power Corporation, Laporte, TX has been dropped as a party to this venture.

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 Southwest Research Institute intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On October 31, 1995, Southwest Research Institute 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 October 17, 1996 (61 FR 54222).

The last notification was filed with the Department on March 26, 1996. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on December 4, 1996 (61 FR 64371-64372).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

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Expansion of the Basic Pilot Program to the State of Nebraska

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In March 1999, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) will begin offering the Basic Pilot to all employers in the state of Nebraska. The Basic Pilot is a free employment eligibility confirmation system operated by the Service and SSA to test a method of providing effective, nondiscriminatory employment eligibility verification. The Basic Pilot will allow participating employers to confirm the employment eligibility of their newly hired employees and help maintain a stable, legal work force. The Basic Pilot is currently being offered to all employers in the states of California, Florida, Illinois, New York, and Texas. This notice is to advise employers in the state of Nebraska that they may now elect to participate in the Basic Pilot. Nebraska has been chosen because the Service is conducting Operation Vanguard, an initiative for gaining and maintaining a legal work force in Nebraska, beginning with the meat packing/processing industry.

The Service published a notice in the **Federal Register** on September 15, 1997, at 62 FR 48309 describing pilot programs that are required by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA). That notice provided requirements and guidance to employers that might be interested in volunteering to participate in one or more of three pilot programs being conducted by the Service and SSA. The pilots include: (1) The Basic Pilot; (2) the Citizen Attestation Pilot; and (3) the Machine-Readable Document Pilot.

DATES: There is no deadline for volunteering to participate in the Basic Pilot Program, but interested employers should contact the Service as soon as possible to maximize their opportunity to participate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John E. Nahan, Immigration and Naturalization Service, SAVE Program, 425 I Street, NW., ULLICO Building, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20536, Telephone (202) 514-2317.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Is the Basic Pilot Program?

The Basic Pilot is a free employment eligibility confirmation system operated by the Service and SSA to test a method of providing effective, nondiscriminatory employment eligibility verification. The Basic Pilot involves electronic verification checks of the SSA and INS databases, using an automated system to verify the employment authorization of all newly hired employees by using Social Security Numbers (SSNs) and alien registration numbers. Equipment needed for participation in this pilot is a personal computer, 486 or higher windows platform PC with a modem. The Basic Pilot started in November 1997, and can be tested for up to 4 years.

Who May Participate in the Basic Pilot Program?

The Basic Pilot program is being offered to all employers in the states of California, Florida, Illinois, Nebraska, New York, and Texas. Participation in the pilot is voluntary on the part of employers, except with regard to the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Federal Government and certain employers found to be in violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act in states where the pilot is being conducted.

How Does an Employer Sign up for Participation in the Basic Pilot Program?

All employers must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SSA and the Service. To obtain the MOU or to request additional information about the Basic Pilot, you may submit your request by writing to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW, ULLICO Building, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20536, Attention: SAVE Program Branch, or you may fax your request to the SAVE Program at (202) 514-9981, or you may call the SAVE Program toll free at 1-888-464-4218.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirement contained in the MOU will be resubmitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for reapproval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Dated: March 12, 1999.

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Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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