

implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires the development of Recovery Plans for listed species unless such a Plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during Recovery Plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing Recovery Plans.

The Final Star Cactus Recovery Plan is cosigned by the Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 9, 2003.

#### Bryan Arroyo,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 2.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report on the Proposed Amendment of the Water Service Contract Between the United States of America and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Sacramento, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) are canceling plans to continue work on a joint environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) on a proposed amendment of the water service contract between the United States and SMUD. The reason for canceling is that the project will be addressed as part of the environmental review processes for both the Freeport Regional Water Project and the American River Division long-term contract renewal.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rob Schroeder, Reclamation, at (916) 989-7274.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reclamation and SMUD had proposed to amend the existing contract to change the point of diversion of 30,000 acre-feet annually of contract water for municipal and industrial uses for Sacramento County Water Agency.

Dated: October 24, 2003.

#### Frank Michny,

*Regional Environmental Officer, Mid-Pacific Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on September 30, 2003, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Alliant Techsystems, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 03-4648, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

In this action the United States seeks the recovery of response costs incurred regarding the Radiation Technology Superfund Site, in Rockaway Township, New Jersey. The proposed consent decree embodies an agreement with Alliant Techsystems, Inc. (ATK) to perform the groundwater remedy at the Site and to reimburse the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for up to \$249,000 of its past response costs and for all oversight costs in connection with the performance of the remedy. The decree provides ATK with a covenant not to sue under Sections 106 and 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607(a).

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Alliant Techsystems, Inc.*, D.J. No. 90-11-2-07691/1.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 970 Broad Street, Room 400, Newark, NJ 07102, and at the Region II Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II Records Center, 290 Broadway, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866. During the

public comment period, the Consent Decree also may be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood ([tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov](mailto:tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov)), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$32.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to U.S. Treasury.

#### Catherine R. McCabe,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Filing of Environmental Bankruptcy Settlement in In re Fansteel, Inc. et al.

Notice is hereby given that a proposed settlement entered into by the United States, on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), the Department of the Navy ("Navy"), the Department of the Interior ("DOI") and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), and Fansteel, Inc. ("Debtor") was filed on September 18, 2003, in *In re Fansteel, Inc. et al.*, No. 02-10109 (Bank. D. Del.) with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. The proposed settlement is contained in Article XIII(C) of the Debtor's proposed Plan of Reorganization ("Plan") and would resolve certain claims of the United States against the settling party under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA") 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, relating to the following locations: (1) The Vulcan Louisville Smelter Site/Vacant Lot Site ("Vacant Lot Site"); (2) Pettibone Creek; and (3) the Naval Station Great Lakes including the boat basin, inner harbor, and the outer harbor ("NAVSTA Great Lakes") all in North Chicago, Lake County, Illinois.

Under the settlement, Reorganized Fansteel will contribute \$1,600,000 to North Chicago, Inc. ("NCI"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fansteel created under the Plan, to perform the response action selected by the EPA ("North Chicago Response Action") at the real