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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with Departmental policy and 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on October 11, 1996, two consent decrees in *United States v. City of Erie et al.*, Civil Action No. 94-281E were lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

These consent decrees settle claims brought pursuant to section 309 (b) and (d) of the Clean Water Act (the "Act"), 33 U.S.C. 1319 (b) and (d), for civil penalties and injunctive relief for failure to comply with applicable pretreatment standards. The two consent decrees lodged with the Court on October 11, 1996 settle claims brought by the United States against Erie Coke Corporation and Presque Isle Plating. Under the first of these two Consent Decrees, Erie Coke Corporation has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$450,000 and to come into full compliance with all applicable pretreatment requirements pursuant to a compliance schedule contained in the decree. Under the terms of the second consent decree, Presque Isle Plating has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$20,000, based on its limited ability to pay, and to maintain full compliance with all applicable pretreatment requirements.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed consent decrees for a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. City of Erie et al.*, DOJ Ref. No. 90-5-1-1-5064. The proposed consent decrees may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Western District of Pennsylvania, 633 U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, 7th Avenue and Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Copies of the consent decrees may also be examined and obtained by mail at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005 (202-624-0892) and the offices of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

When requesting a copy by mail, please enclose a check in the amount of \$6.50 for the Erie Coke Corporation agreement or \$6.00 for the Presque Isle Plating agreement (twenty-five cents per page reproduction costs) payable to the "Consent Decree Library."

Joel M. Gross,

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

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### Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on October 21, 1996, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Jefferson County, Alabama, Jefferson County Commission and the State of Alabama*, Case No. 93-G-2492-S was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. The consent decree provides for extensive rehabilitation to the entire Jefferson County wastewater collection system and the County's ten wastewater treatment facilities. The consent decree also provides for the recovery of a \$750,000 civil penalty against Jefferson County, Alabama and the Jefferson County Commission (hereinafter "the County") under Section 309 (b) and (d) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA" or "Act"), 33 U.S.C. 1319 (b) and (d).

In addition, the consent decree requires the County to perform a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") valued at \$30 million. The SEP involves the acquisition of riparian properties or "Greenways" for the purpose of reducing or eliminating non-point source pollution into the Cahaba and Black Warrior River systems in Jefferson County and generally enhancing the water quality of those river systems. A secondary benefit of the SEP shall be to protect, restore, and enhance aquatic and stream corridor habitats of the river systems.

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 of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Jefferson County, Alabama, Jefferson County Commission and the State of Alabama*, D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-4195.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Northern District of Alabama, 200 Robert S. Vance Federal Building and Courthouse, 1800 5th Avenue, North, Room 200, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-2198 and at Region 4, Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 100 Alabama Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 4th 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, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$34.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel Gross,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,  
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### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Air Act

Notice is hereby given that on August 29, 1996, a proposed Consent Decree was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in *United States v. Ketchikan Pulp Company*, Civil Action No. A96 313 CIV. The proposed Consent Decree settles claims asserted by the United States at the request of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in a complaint filed on the same day. The United States filed its complaint pursuant to Section 113 of the Clean Air Act ("CAA" or "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(b). The complaint requested the assessment of civil penalties against defendant Ketchikan Pulp Company ("KPC") for the following: (1) violations of the CAA's prevention of significant deterioration ("PSD") program as set forth in Part C of Title I, 42 U.S.C. § 7471 *et seq.*, and in the regulations promulgated thereunder, 40 CFR § 52.21; and (2) violations of a Compliance Order issued by EPA Region 10 under Section 113 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a). The United States alleges that the violations occurred in connection with the construction and operation of equipment at KPC's Annette Hemlock Sawmill which is located on the Annette Island Indian Reservation in southeast Alaska.

Under the proposed Consent Decree, KPC will pay a civil penalty of \$359,000 to the United States to resolve EPA's claims as set forth in the Complaint. In

addition, KPC maintains responsibility for complete compliance with all federal or state laws, regulations, and permits applicable to the Sawmill.

The Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Ketchikan Pulp Company*, DOJ #90-5-2-1-1957. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Region 10 Office of EPA, 7th Floor Records Center, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101. A copy of the 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 (202) 624-0892. In requesting copies, please enclose a check in the amount of \$3.50 (25 cents per page copy cost) payable to the "Consent Decree Library."

Joel Gross,

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#### **Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act**

Consistent with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, 38 FR 19029, and 42 U.S.C. 9622(d), notice is hereby given that on October 21, 1996, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. LAR Labs, Inc. f/k/a Pfaltz & Bauer, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 396-CV-00305 PCD, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. This proposed consent decree resolves the United States' claims under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. 6909 *et seq.*, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") against defendant LAR Labs, Inc. ("LAR"), formerly known as Pfaltz & Bauer, Inc., relating to LAR's former facility in Waterbury, Connecticut ("the Facility").

Under the terms of the Consent Decree, LAR shall pay a total of

\$225,000, as follows: \$94,000, or 100 percent, of EPA response costs incurred in overseeing response actions undertaken by LAR in response to an Administrative Order pursuant to Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606, and \$131,000 for civil penalties for violations of RCRA pursuant to Section 3008(g) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6928(g). In addition, LAR shall undertake certain injunctive relief, including conducting an environmental audit at the Facility and providing hazardous waste management training for employees of the Facility.

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, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. LAR Labs Inc., f/k/a Pfaltz & Bauer, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 396-CV-00305 PCD, DOJ Ref. Number 90-7-1-793.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, District of Connecticut, 915 Lafayette Boulevard, Bridgeport, Connecticut, 06604; at Region I, Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, One Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02203; and, 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 send a check (there is a 25 cent per page reproduction cost) in the amount of \$6.15 payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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#### **Notice of Lodging of Joint Stipulation Pursuant to the Clean Water Act**

Consistent with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed joint stipulation in *United States v. Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority*, Civil Action No. 83-0105(cc), was lodged on October 7, 1996 with the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. Defendant Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer

Authority ("PRASA") is the owner and operator of sewage treatment plants throughout Puerto Rico. In operating thirty-one of these facilities, PRASA violated its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permits issued pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

Under the proposed joint stipulation, PRASA commits to a study to determine which of the thirty-one wastewater plants still subject to the 1985 Order will require advanced wastewater treatment ("AWT") in order to achieve compliance with final NPDES permit limitations and for those plants so requiring AWT, a compliance schedule for construction of facilities. In addition, PRASA will pay the United States \$375,000 in penalties, thus resolving all outstanding United States claims for stipulated penalties for PRASA's violations of the 1985 Order up through March 1996. PRASA also agrees to remain in compliance with the Clean Water Act and is subject to stipulated penalties for any violations of the proposed joint stipulation.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed joint stipulation. 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. Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority*, D.J. reference #90-5-1-1-1793.

The proposed joint stipulation may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, Federal Office Building, Carlos E. Chardon Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico; the Region II Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway Avenue, New York, New York; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed joint stipulation may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$3.75 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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