

and disposal of the fill known as "black beauty" in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements, and regrading, replanting, monitoring, and maintenance of the restored wetlands.

The United States Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed Consent Judgment for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to David A. Carson, Environment & Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Suite 945—North Tower, 999 18th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, and should refer to *Reichelt v. United States Army Corps of Engineers*, No. 2:93 CV 332 AR (N.D. Ind.), DJ #90-5-1-6-560.

The proposed Consent Judgment may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, Hammond Division, 507 State Street, Hammond, Indiana 46320.

**Letitia J. Grishaw,**

*Chief, Environmental Defense Section,  
Environment and Natural Resources Division,  
United States Department of Justice.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Notice is hereby given that on November 17, 1998, a proposed Material Modification of Consent Decree and Final Order Between United States of America; State of Missouri; Syntex Corporation; Syntex (U.S.A.) Inc.; Syntex Laboratories, Inc.; and Syntex Agribusiness, Inc. To Address LeMar Drive and McDonnell Park Sites (the Material Modification) was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri in *United States v. Russell Martin Bliss, et al.* (the *Missouri Dioxin Litigation*), Civil Action No. 84-200C-1 (Consolidated).

The Material Modification amends the Consent Decree, entered by the Court on December 31, 1990, between the United States, the State of Missouri and the Syntex defendants under, *inter alia*, Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, and Section 7003 of the Resource, Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA),

42 U.S.C. 6973, pursuant to which 28 eastern Missouri dioxin-contaminated sites were remediated and the wastes incinerated at the twenty-eighth site, Times Beach, Missouri. After the satisfactory completion of the work pursuant to that settlement, the incinerator was removed and Times Beach was rededicated as Route 66 State Park. The Material Modification resolves similar potential claims in connection with two subsequently-discovered dioxin sites in St. Louis County, Missouri, the LeMar Drive Site in Ellisville, Missouri and the McDonnell Park Site near St. Ann, Missouri. Pursuant to the proposed settlement, EPA will excavate dioxin-contaminated materials and restore the Sites and the Syntex defendants will contract to incinerate the dioxin-contaminated materials at a commercial facility operated by Safety-Kleen Services, Inc. in Coffeyville, Kansas, which is permitted to incinerate dioxin, and properly dispose of the ash.

For thirty (30) days following this publication, the Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Material Modification. 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. Russell Martin Bliss, et al.* (the *Missouri Dioxin Litigation*), Civil Action No. 84-200C-1 (Consolidated), DOJ No. 90-11-2-41H. Also, pursuant to Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6973(d), opportunity for a public meeting on the proposed settlement in the affected area shall be afforded if requested.

The proposed Material Modification may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, United States Court and Custom House, 1114 Market Street—Room 401, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. The Material Modification may also be examined at, or a copy obtained in person or by mail from, the United States Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW—3d Floor, Washington, DC 20005.

In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$31.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost).

**Joel M. Gross,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Applicant Background Questionnaire

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management (OASAM), Department of Labor.

**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 and/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 revision of the "Applicant Background Questionnaire".

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

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before February 1, 1999.

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 Resource Services Center, 200 Constitution Ave. N.W. Room C-5516, Washington, D.C. 20210; Phone: (202) 219-6555 ext. 115; Written comments limited to 10 pages or fewer may also be transmitted by facsimile to: (202) 219-5820; Internet: glasgow-william@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 are underrepresented in various occupations, are included in applicant pools for the Department's 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 conducted targeted 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, Asians, and persons with disabilities.

Without the data provided by this collection, 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 cross-reference the data collected with the outcome of the qualifications review in order to evaluate the quality of applicants from various recruitment sources. With the information from this 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 the Office of Personnel management (OPM) in the course of OPM's evaluation and oversight activities.

**II. Current Actions**

This notice requests an extension of the current Office of Management and Budget approval of the Applicant Background Questionnaire and revision of the Questionnaire form. Extension is

necessary to continue to evaluate the effectiveness of agency recruitment programs in attracting applicants from underrepresented sectors of the population. The revision consists of adding a question concerning whether the respondent has a targeted disabilities, and deleting the request for the respondent to provide his or her Social Security Number.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* U.S. Department of Labor.

*Title:* Applicant Background Questionnaire.

*OMB Number:* 1225-0072.

*Affected Public:* Applicants for positions recruited in the Department of Labor.

*Total Respondents:* 3000 per year (estimate).

*Frequency:* one time per respondent.

*Total Responses:* 3000 per year (estimate).

*Average Time per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 250 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice 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.

Date: November 25, 1998.

**Tali R. Stepp,**

*Director of Human Resources.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Delegation of Secretary of Labor's Authority and Assignment of Responsibilities Under Certain Sections of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1993 and 1998 to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training**

On November 12th, 1998, the Secretary of Labor issued a memorandum to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training delegating all authority and assigning all responsibilities of the Secretary of Labor under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, Pub. L. 102-484, § 3161, 42 U.S.C. 7274h, and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Pub. L. 105-85, § 3153(e), 111 Stat. 1629,

2043 (1997) to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training. A copy of that memorandum is annexed hereto as and Appendix.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Holl, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, at (202) 219-5577, ext. 115.

Signed in Washington, DC this 12th day of November, 1998.

**Alexis M. Herman,**

*Secretary of Labor.*

**U.S. Department of Labor**

*Secretary of Labor, Washington, D.C.*

November 12, 1998.

Memorandum for: Raymond Bramucci, Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training

From: Alexis M. Herman

Subject: Specific Delegation of Authority to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training

Effective immediately, the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training is hereby delegated all authority and assigned all responsibilities of the Secretary of Labor under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993, Pub. L. 102-484, § 3161, 42 U.S.C. 7274h, and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Pub. L. 105-85, § 3153 (e), 111 Stat. 1629, 2043 (1997). This authority and responsibility may be redelegated.

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**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. The committee advises NARA on the full range of programs, policies, and plans for the Center for Legislative Archives in the Office of Records Services.

**DATES:** December 17, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** United States Capitol Building, Room H-130.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael L. Gillette, Director, Center for Legislative Archives, (202) 501-5350.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

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