

provided in 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b), the mineral interests owned by the United States in the private lands covered by the application shall be segregated to the extent that they will not be subject to appropriation under the mining and mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect of the application shall terminate by publication of an opening order in the **Federal Register** specifying the date and time of opening; upon issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance to such mineral interest; or two years from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

**David McInay,**

*Chief, Branch of Lands.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Availability of the Reference Manual #32 for Use With Director's Order #32 Concerning Relationships Between the National Park Service and Cooperating Associations

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) is converting and updating its current system of internal instructions to a three-level system consisting of: (1) NPS Management Policies; (2) Director's Orders; and (3) Reference Manuals/ Handbooks and other helpful information. When these documents contain new policy or procedural requirements that may affect parties outside the NPS, this information is being made available for public comment. Previously, Director's Order #32 was released and Reference Manual #32 is an operational guide for implementing this previous document that establishes operational policies and procedural guidance concerning relationships between the NPS and Cooperating Associations. Cooperating Associations are private non-profit organizations that provide interpretive and educational services in many areas of the National Park System.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted until November 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Glenn Clark, Servicewide Cooperating Association Coordinator, Room 7312, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Glenn Clark at 202-565-1058.

**Glen Clark,**

*Servicewide Coordinator for Cooperating Association.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Bostwick Division, Frenchman-Cambridge Division, and Kanaska Division, Almena Unit

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public hearing on draft environmental impact statement (DEIS).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, has prepared a DEIS on the proposed renewal of long-term water supply contracts for irrigation water from Federal projects in the Republican River basin in Nebraska and Kansas. The DEIS describes five alternatives, including no action, and evaluates the environmental consequences of renewing the long-term water supply contracts and of modifications to reservoir operations. Public hearings have been scheduled to provide interested parties an opportunity to provide oral or written comments on the proposed renewal of long-term water supply contracts.

**DATES:** A 60-day public review and comment period commences with the publication of this notice. Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted by December 13, 1999.

Written comments from interested parties unable to attend the hearings, those not wanting to make oral presentations, or those wishing to supplement their oral presentations at the public hearing should be transmitted to the Nebraska-Kansas Area Office by December 13, 1999, for inclusion in the public record.

Public hearings have been scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- November 2, 1999, Belleville, Kansas.
- November 3, 1999, Alma, Nebraska.
- November 4, 1999, McCook, Nebraska.

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing locations are:

- Harvester Room in the Jensik Insurance Building, 1309 Eighteenth Street, Belleville, Kansas.

- Johnson Community Center, 509 Main Street, Alma, Nebraska.

- Community Building, West Fifth and O Streets, McCook, Nebraska.

Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted to the Area Manager (Attention: Judy O'Sullivan), Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, P.O. Box 1607, Grand Island NE 68802.

You may request a Summary of the DEIS or the entire DEIS (with appendices) in printed copy or on computer disk. Copies may be obtained from the above address or by telephone (308) 389-4622 x211. Copies are also available for public inspection and review on the Internet at "www.gp.usbr.gov" in the "Current Activities" section under "Environmental Activities."

See Supplementary Information section for additional addresses where the DEIS is available for public inspection and review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jill Manring, Basin Study Coordinator, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, P.O. Box 1607, Grand Island NE 68802—telephone (308) 389-4622 x214.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### DEIS Public Inspection and Review Locations

##### Offices

- Bureau of Reclamation, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, 203 West Second Street, Grand Island NE 68801—telephone (308) 389-4622
- Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Regional Office, 316 North 26th Street, Billings MT 59101—telephone (406) 247-7638
- Bureau of Reclamation, Reclamation Service Center Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, Sixth and Kipling, Denver CO 80225—telephone (303) 445-2072
- Bureau of Reclamation, Program Analysis Office, Room 7456, 1849 C Street NW, Washington DC 20240—telephone (202) 208-4662
- Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, Red Cloud NE
- Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District No. 2, Courtland KS
- Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, Cambridge NE
- Frenchman Valley and H&RW Irrigation District, Culbertson NE
- Almena Irrigation District, Almena KS

##### Libraries

- Alma Public Library, West Second Street, Alma NE 68920-3378

- Blue Hill Public Library, 317 West Gage Street, Blue Hill NE 68930-2068
- Butler Memorial Library, 621 Pennsylvania, Cambridge NE 69022
- Franklin Public Library, 1502 P Street, Franklin NE 68939-1200
- Hastings Public Library, 517 West Fourth Street, Hastings NE 68901-7560
- Imperial Public Library, 703 Broadway Street, Imperial NE 69033-4017
- Kearney Public Library, 2020 First Avenue, Kearney NE 68847-5306
- McCook Library, 802 Norris Avenue, McCook NE 69001-3143
- Nelson Public Library, 10 West Third Street, Nelson NE 68961-1246
- Red Cloud Public Library, 537 North Webster Street, Red Cloud NE 68970-2421
- Carnegie Public Library, 449 North Kansas Street, Superior NE 68978-1852
- Trenton Village Library, 406 East First Street, Trenton NE 69044
- Wauneta City Library, 319 North Tecumseh, Wauneta NE 69045-2011
- Almena Public Library, 415 Main, Almena KS 67622
- Belleville Public Library, 1327 Nineteenth Street, Belleville KS 66935
- Courtland City Library, 403 Main Street, Courtland KS 66939
- Northwest Kansas Library System, 2 Washington Square, Norton KS 67654

#### Hearing Process Information

Organizations and individuals wishing to present oral statements are strongly encouraged to contact Judy O'Sullivan, Bureau of Reclamation, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, at the address above or telephone (308) 389-4622 x211 to announce their intention to participate in the public hearing. Requests to make presentations will also be accepted at the hearings. Written statements may also be submitted at the hearings.

Oral statements at the public hearings will be limited to 5 minutes. If time permits, the hearing officer may allow speakers to extend their oral statement after all persons wishing to comment have been heard. Whenever possible, speakers will be scheduled according to the time preference requested in their letter or telephone request. Scheduled speakers not present at the public hearing when called will lose their privilege in the scheduled order and will be recalled at the end of all the scheduled speakers. Those registering at the meetings may choose from the remaining time slots.

Please notify Reclamation at least 2 weeks in advance of the scheduled hearing if you require special needs in order to participate in the public hearing. Those having special needs

should contact Judy O'Sullivan at (308) 389-4622 x211 or through the Federal Relay System at (800) 877-8339 or via e-mail at "josullivan@gp.usbr.gov". Smoking will be prohibited in the hearing room and surrounding area.

Dated: September 25, 1999

**Fred R. Ore,**

*Area Manager, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

In accordance with the policy of the Department of Justice, 28 U.S.C. 50.7, and pursuant to Section 122(d)(2) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, ("CERCLA"), notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Akzo Nobel A.B.*, Civ. No. 1:99-CV-731, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, on September 22, 1999. The action was brought by the United States against fourteen defendants seeking the performance of a remedial action at the Bofors Noble Superfund Site in Muskegon, Michigan, and reimbursement of response costs incurred in connection with site.

The settling parties are Akzo Nobel A.B., American Cyanamid Company, Bissel, Inc., E.I. DuPont DeNemours and Company, Dow Agrosciences LLC, Eli Lilly Company, General Electric Company, IBM Corporation, Lomac, Inc., Mallinckrodt, Inc., Monsanto Company, Shell Oil Company, Smithkline Beecham Corporation, and Union Carbide Corporation.

Under the proposed settlement, eight of the settlors will be responsible for performing the response action at the Bofors Nobel site. The remaining parties will contribute funds in the amounts set forth in the proposed decree which will be used to finance the work, reimburse response costs incurred by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in connection with the site, and pay natural resource damages arising from releases of hazardous substances at the site. Under the proposed consent decree, the Environmental Protection Agency will provide mixed funding, up to an amount of \$7.2 million, to assist in financing the remedial action at the site.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at: (1) The Office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, The Law Building, 330 Ionia Avenue, N.W., 5th Floor, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503, (616-456-2404); (2) the United States Environmental Protection Agency (Region 5), 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590 (contact Thomas Kruegar (312-886-0562); and, (3) a copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington DC 20044. When requesting a copy, please refer to *United States v. Akzo Nobel, A.B. et al.* D.J. Ref. 90-11-3-191A, and enclose a check in the amount of \$38.75 for the consent decree only (155 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction costs), or \$251.50 for the consent decree and all appendices (1006 pages), made payable to the Consent Decree Library.

**Joel M. Gross,**

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that on October 4, 1999, the United States lodged a proposed consent decree with the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, in *United States v. Georgie Boy Manufacturing, Inc.*, Civil No. 1:99-CV-772, under section 113(b) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7413(b). The proposed consent decree resolves certain claims of the United States against Georgie Boy, Manufacturing Inc. ("Georgie Boy"), arising out of its recreational vehicle manufacturing facility located in Edwardsburg, Cass County, Michigan. Under the proposed Consent Decree Georgie Boy will pay the United States a \$99,000 penalty and perform a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP").

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, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Georgie Boy*