

sections 201.6(b)(2), 201.13(f), and 207.24 of the Commission's rules. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony *in camera* no later than 7 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Written Submissions

Each party who is an interested party shall submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. Prehearing briefs must conform with the provisions of section 207.23 of the Commission's rules; the deadline for filing is April 4, 2000. Parties may also file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing, as provided in section 207.24 of the Commission's rules, and posthearing briefs, which must conform with the provisions of section 207.25 of the Commission's rules. The deadline for filing posthearing briefs is April 17, 2000; witness testimony must be filed no later than three days before the hearing. In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party to the investigation may submit a written statement of information pertinent to the subject of the investigation on or before April 17, 2000. On May 5, 2000, the Commission will make available to parties all information on which they have not had an opportunity to comment. Parties may submit final comments on this information on or before May 9, 2000, but such final comments must not contain new factual information and must otherwise comply with section 207.30 of the Commission's rules. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the Commission's rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: This investigation is being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.21 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 to 9675

Under 42 U.S.C. 9622, notice is hereby given that on December 22, 1999, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Robert W. Meyer, Jr.*, Civil Action No. 1:97-CV-526, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

In this action the United States sought to recover past costs incurred in connection with the clean-up of the contiguous Northern Plating Company and Kysor Industrial Corporation Superfund Sites located in Cadillac, Wexford County, Michigan. The proposed consent decree resolves the United States' claims against defendant Robert W. Meyer, Jr., as the operator of a facility that contributed to the harm associated with the Northern Site, in return for a total payment of \$625,000.

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 for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Robert W. Meyer, Jr.*, D.J. Ref. #90-11-2-837B.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, 330 Ionia NW, Room 501, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, and at U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. A copy of the proposed consent decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$5.50 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

In accordance with Department of Justice policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in the action entitled *United State of America v. Sapo Corporation, et. al.*, Civil Action No. 99-2366 (D.P.R.), was lodged on December 15, 1999 with the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. The proposed consent decree resolves claims of the United States, on behalf of the Secretary of the Army, under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended ("Clean Water Act"), 33 U.S.C. 1251-1387, against defendants Sapo Corporation, Concho Corporation, and Arnold Benus. These claims are for injunctive relief and civil penalties arising from defendants' alleged discharge of fill material into wetlands at the Copamarina Beach Resort in Cana Gorda Ward, Guanica, Puerto Rico, without a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in violation of Section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311(a).

Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, the defendants will (1) Pay a civil penalty of \$15,000 to the United States, (2) complete a mitigation project to enhance protection of existing wetlands on their property by constructing barriers to intrusion by motor vehicles, and (3) complete a preservation project by transferring title to 30.59 acres of wetlands valued at \$98,126, including the protective barriers, under a perpetual conservation easement, to the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources.

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, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Sapo Corporation, et al.*, Civil Action No. 99-2366 (D.P.R.), DOJ Ref. No. 90-5-1-1-4471/1.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Federal Building, Chardon Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00918. A copy may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy by mail, please refer to the referenced case

and enclose a check in the amount of \$5.75 (25 cents per page reproduction costs for the Decree and appendix) made payable to Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation, and Liability Act, The Clean Water Act, and The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on December 23, 1999, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States and State of Idaho v. Union Pacific Railroad Co.*, Case No. 99-606-N-EJL (D. Idaho) and *Coeur d'Alene Tribe v. Union Pacific Railroad Co.*, Case No. CV 91-0342-N-EJL (D. Idaho) was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Idaho.

The Consent Decree settles claims by the United States, the State of Idaho, and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe (Tribe) asserts claims against Union Pacific Railroad Company (Union Pacific) under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607, and Sections 311 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1321. The Complaint of the United States and the State seeks injunctive relief requiring Union Pacific to implement the non-time-critical removal action selected by EPA, the State and the Tribe, for most of Union Pacific's 71.5-mile-long railroad right of way between Mullan and Plummer, Idaho (the ROW) and certain adjacent areas (collectively the Project Area) in the Coeur d'Alene Basin in northern Idaho. The Plaintiffs' Complaints also seek past and future CERCLA response costs incurred by EPA, the Departments of the Interior (Interior) and Agriculture (Agriculture), the State, and the Tribe in connection with the Project Area and damages for injuries to natural resources throughout the Coeur d'Alene Basin.

The Consent Decree requires Union Pacific to implement the response action selected for the Project Area and specified additional work needed to convert the ROW into a biking/hiking trail for public use. The estimated total cost of this work is over \$25 million. In addition, Union Pacific agrees to pay (1)

the past response costs incurred by the United States, the State and the Tribe in connection with the negotiations and the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) needed to select the response action (approximately \$600,000 for the United States); (2) \$2,730,000 to the State and the Tribe, primarily for their expected future costs of maintaining public amenities along the biking/hiking trail; (3) \$35,000 to fund educational activities to be conducted by Plaintiffs as part of the Response Action; (4) up to \$25,000 per year for 10 years to the Tribe for costs it incurs for operation and maintenance of the Chatcolet Bridge; (5) the future response costs of all three governments for oversight of the removal action; and (6) \$2,000,000 to Interior, Agriculture, and the Tribe for natural resource damages.

In exchange, Union Pacific will receive a covenant not to sue for response actions and costs relating to the Project Area (primarily the ROW) pursuant to Sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, Section 311 of the CWA, and Section 7003 of RCRA. Union Pacific will also receive a covenant not to sue for natural resource damages under CERCLA and the CWA in the "Coeur d'Alene Basin Environment," an area that includes the watersheds of both the North and South Forks of the Coeur d'Alene River, the main stem of the Coeur d'Alene River, Lake Coeur d'Alene.

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 of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States and State of Idaho v. Union Pacific Railroad Co.*, Case No. 99-606-N-EJL (D. Idaho), D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-128L. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973(d).

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, First Interstate Center, 877 West Main Street, Suite 201, Boise, Idaho 83702 and at North Idaho College Library, 1000 West Garden Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$255.75 (with exhibits) (25 cents per page

reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library. If requesting a copy of the Consent Decree exclusive of exhibits, please enclose a check in the amount of \$27.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Statistics; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; (New collection) 2000 Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies.

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until March 20, 2000.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Dr. Brian A. Reaves, 202-616-3287, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 7th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20531.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) 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;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and