

PRWORA and with other interested parties.

Benefit providers and all other interested parties are requested to provide comments on this Determination. Should these comments indicate that further refinements to the Determination are necessary, it will be revised accordingly.

Delay in the effectiveness of this Determination would necessarily cause further delays in the availability of federal, state, and local public benefits to aliens for whom there is a substantial connection between the battery or extreme cruelty and the need for those public benefits. It would be unnecessary and contrary to the public interest to impose further delays on the availability of such public benefits in these circumstances. Accordingly, I find that there is good cause to exempt this Determination from prior public notice and comment and delay in effective date. This Determination is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866 and is not a "major rule" under 5 U.S.C. 804.

Determination of Situations That Demonstrate a Substantial Connection Between Battery or Extreme Cruelty and Need for Specific Public Benefits

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Attorney General by law, including section 431(c) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as amended, I hereby determine that an alien applying for federal, state, or local public benefits who (or whose child) has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty demonstrates that there is a substantial connection between the battery or extreme cruelty suffered by the alien (or the alien's child) and the need for the public benefit(s) sought under any one or more of the following circumstances:

(1) Where the benefits are needed to enable the alien and/or the alien's child to become self-sufficient following separation from the abuser;

(2) Where the benefits are needed to enable the alien and/or the alien's child to escape the abuser and/or the community in which the abuser lives, or to ensure the safety of the alien and/or his or her child from the abuser;

(3) Where the benefits are needed due to a loss of financial support resulting from the alien's and/or his or her child's separation from the abuser;

(4) Where the benefits are needed because the battery or cruelty, separation from the abuser, or work absence or lower job performance resulting from the battery or extreme cruelty or from legal proceedings

relating thereto (including resulting child support or child custody disputes) cause the alien and/or the alien's child to lose his or her job or require the alien and/or the alien's child to leave his or her job for safety reasons;

(5) Where the benefits are needed because the alien or his or her child requires medical attention or mental health counseling, or has become disabled, as a result of the battery or cruelty;

(6) Where the benefits are needed because the loss of a dwelling or source of income or fear of the abuser following separation from the abuser jeopardizes the aliens' ability to care for his or her children (e.g., inability to house, feed, or clothe children or to put children into day care for fear of being found by the batterer);

(7) Where the benefits are needed to alleviate nutritional risk or need resulting from the abuse or following separation from the abuser;

(8) Where the benefits are needed to provide medical care during an unwanted pregnancy resulting from the abuser's sexual assault or abuse of, or relationship with, the alien or his or her child, and/or to care for any resulting children; or

(9) Where medical coverage and/or health care services are needed to replace medical coverage or health care services the applicant or child had when living with the abuser.

In the event that the facts presented by the alien are different from the situations described above, but the benefit provider or the applicant nevertheless believes that the applicant satisfies the substantial connection requirement, either the benefit provider or the applicant should obtain a determination from the Department of Justice as to whether, in the Attorney General's opinion, the applicant's need for the benefit is substantially connected to the battery or cruelty. Benefit providers or applicants requiring such a determination should contact the Violence Against Women Office, U.S. Department of Justice, the Director of which is hereby authorized to issue such determinations.

Dated: July 17, 1997.

Janet Reno,

Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that on June 23, 1997, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Town of Cheshire*, Civil No. 97cv30141-MAP (D. Mass.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts resolving the matter. The proposed Consent Decree concerns violations by the Town of Cheshire, Massachusetts, of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f, *et seq.*, the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, 40 CFR Part 141, and the provisions of the EPA Administrative Order issued to the Town on September 30, 1994. The violations alleged in the complaint include the failure by the Town to install filtration treatment (or to switch to use of a groundwater source not under the direct influence of surface water) within 18 months, i.e., by June 29, 1993, as required by the Surface Water Treatment Rule (the "SWTR"), Section 1412(b)(7), 42 U.S.C. § 300g-1(b)(7), and 40 CFR § 141.70-141.75; the failure to comply with the turbidity requirements of the SWTR, 40 CFR § 141.71(c)(2); the failure to comply with monitoring and reporting requirements at 40 CFR §§ 141.74, 141.75, and the failure to comply with public notification requirements at 40 CFR §§ 141.32(a)(1) (i) and (ii) and 141.31(d).

Under the terms of the Consent Decree, the defendant will pay a total civil penalty of \$18,500 for its past violations. In addition, the Consent Decree requires the Town to design and construct a new gravel-packed well to supply drinking water to the users of its public system and to comply with all applicable federal and state drinking water laws and regulations in accordance with an expeditious schedule.

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, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Town of Cheshire*, D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-4361.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Region 1 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, One Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Copies of the Consent Decree may be examined at the Environmental Enforcement Section Document Center, 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 Document Center. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$17.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost for the Consent Decree excluding Appendices) made payable to Consent Decree Library.

Joel M. Gross,

Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section.

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MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS:

Mississippi River Commission.

Time and Date: 8:30 a.m., August 11, 1997.

Place: On board MISSISSIPPI V at Lambert's Landing, St. Paul, MN.

Status: Open to the public.

Matters to be Considered: (1) Report on function and responsibilities of Commission and a summary of regional and national issues affecting the Corps of Engineers and Commission projects and programs on Mississippi River and its tributaries; (2) District Commander's overview of current project issues; and (3) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the programs or projects of the Commission and the Corps.

Time and Date: 3:00 p.m., August 13, 1997.

Place: On board MISSISSIPPI V at Oneida Landing, Davenport, IA.

Status: Open to the public.

Matters to be Considered: (1) Report on function and responsibilities of Commission and a summary of regional and national issues affecting the Corps of Engineers and Commission projects and programs on Mississippi River and its tributaries; (2) District Commander's overview of current project issues; and (3) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the programs or projects of the Commission and the Corps.

Time and Date: 10:30 a.m., August 15, 1997.

Place: On board MISSISSIPPI V at Foot of Market Street, St. Louis, MO.

Status: Open to the public.

Matters to be Considered: (1) Report on function and responsibilities of

Commission and a summary of regional and national issues affecting the Corps of Engineers and Commission projects and programs on Mississippi River and its tributaries; (2) District Commander's overview of current project issues; and (3) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the programs or projects of the Commission and the Corps.

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., August 18, 1997.

Place: On board MISSISSIPPI V at City Front, New Madrid, MO.

Status: Open to the public.

Matters to be Considered: (1) Report on function and responsibilities of Commission and a summary of regional and national issues affecting the Corps of Engineers and Commission projects and programs on Mississippi River and its tributaries; (2) District Commander's overview of current project issues; and (3) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the programs or projects of the Commission and the Corps.

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., August 19, 1997.

Place: On board MISSISSIPPI V at Downtown Helena Harbor, Helena, AR.

Status: Open to the public.

Matters to be Considered: (1) Report on function and responsibilities of Commission and a summary of regional and national issues affecting the Corps of Engineers and Commission projects and programs on Mississippi River and its tributaries; (2) District Commander's overview of current project issues; and (3) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the programs or projects of the Commission and the Corps.

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., August 20, 1997.

Place: On board MISSISSIPPI V at Lake Providence Harbor, Lake Providence, LA.

Status: Open to the public.

Matters to be Considered: (1) Report on function and responsibilities of Commission and a summary of regional and national issues affecting the Corps of Engineers and Commission projects and programs on Mississippi River and its tributaries; (2) District Commander's overview of current project issues; and (3) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the programs or projects of the Commission and the Corps.

Time and Date: 9:00 a.m., August 22, 1997.

Place: On board MISSISSIPPI V at City Front, Morgan City, LA.

Status: Open to the public.

Matters to be Considered: (1) Report on function and responsibilities of

Commission and a summary of regional and national issues affecting the Corps of Engineers and Commission projects and programs on Mississippi River and its tributaries; (2) District Commander's overview of current project issues; and (3) Views and suggestions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the programs or projects of the Commission and the Corps.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Noel D. Caldwell, telephone 601-634-5766.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (97-099)]

Government-Owned Inventions, Available for Licensing

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Inventions for Licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, have been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and are available for licensing.

DATE: July 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent N. Stone, Patent Attorney, NASA Lewis Research Center, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44135, telephone (216) 433-8855.

NASA Case No. LEW 20,008-1: Cold Gas in Through Flow and Reverse Flow Wave Rotors;

NASA Case No. LEW 16,411-1: High Temperature Solar Reflector, Its Preparation and Use.

Dated: July 15, 1997.

Edward A. Frankle,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Pub. L. 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish