

All land within 1/4 mile around the Kenibuna Lake, Chakachatna River, Chakachamna Lake and tributary.

The area described contains approximately 11,900 acres.

2. The State of Alaska applications for selection made under Section 6(b) of the Alaska Statehood Act of July 7, 1958, 48 U.S.C. note prec. 21 (1994), and under Section 906(e) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 43 U.S.C. 1635(e) (1994), become effective without further action by the State upon publication of this public land order in the **Federal Register**, if such land is otherwise available. Land not conveyed to the State will continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of the Power Site Classification No. 395, as established by Geological Survey Order dated April 22, 1948, and any other withdrawal or segregation of record.

Dated: March 29, 1999.

John Berry,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Request for Public Comment on Appropriate Studies on Winter Use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway

AGENCY: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Solicitation of public comment on appropriate research topics on winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway.

SUMMARY: On September 24, 1998 the National Park Service and the Fund for Animals and other individuals and organizations signed a settlement agreement to resolve litigation concerning the National Park Service Winter Use Plan for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway. Under the terms of the agreement the National Park Service agreed to solicit comments on appropriate studies they should conduct on winter use in the parks for use in the ongoing winter use planning process. However, due to the time constraints imposed by the settlement agreement, some of the proposed and ongoing winter use research may not be completed in time for incorporation into the draft winter use plans and environmental impact statement. The

information will be useful for long term management of winter use in the parks.

The National Park Service requests that all individuals, organizations, agencies or entities that are interested in or affected by winter visitor use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway share comments or concerns on appropriate topics of research for use in the winter user planning process.

Background

Winter use research projects currently underway in the affected national parks include: the social carrying capacity of Yellowstone National Park for winter use, an assessment of winter recreation on wildlife in Yellowstone National Park, a winter visitor survey for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the Greater Yellowstone Area, a snowmobile emission survey in Yellowstone, Hayden Valley bison monitoring, Gibbon/Golden Gate bison monitoring, bison use of groomed roads in Yellowstone National Park, characterization of snowmobile particulate emissions, measurement of airborne toxics and regulated pollutants emitted from snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park, and snowpack and snowmelt runoff chemical analysis at Yellowstone National Park. In addition, research projects are currently being conducted on bison ecology and brucellosis. These studies include forage availability, habitat use, and bison population dynamics.

Proposed research topics include, but are not limited to, snowmobile mogul generation, a field evaluation of gasohol's ability to reduce snowmobiler exposure to carbon monoxide, and snowmobile sound monitoring.

Comments

Written comments concerning appropriate research topics on winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway should be postmarked no later than June 21, 1999. Comments should be addressed to Winter Use Research, Planning Office, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park WY, 82190.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Sarah Creachbaum, Planning Office, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park WY, 82190, (307) 344-2024; or George Helfrich, Grand Teton National Park, Box 170, Moose WY, 83102 (307) 739-3486.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

John E. Cook,

Regional Director, Intermountain Region.

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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 Departmental policy and Section 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622, the Department of Justice gives notice that a proposed partial consent decree in *United States v. USX Corp., et al.*, Civil No. 98 C 6389 (N.D. Ill.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois on April 7, 1999, pertaining to the Yeoman Creek Landfill Superfund Site, located in Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois. The proposed partial consent decree would resolve the United States's civil claims against ten *de minimis* defendants named in the action as provided in the consent decree. The settling defendants are Akzo Nobel Coatings, Inc. (successor to Reliance Universal, Inc.); Babson Bros. Co. (on behalf of Pfanstiehl Detergent Chemicals, Inc.); Commonwealth Edison Company; F.K. Pattern & Foundry, Inc.; Kmart Corporation; North Shore Gas Company; Pfanstiehl Corporation (f/k/a Pfanstiehl Chemical Corporation); Pfanstiehl Laboratories, Inc.; Sears, Roebuck and Co.; and Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. (successor to Ace Scavenger Service, Inc.) and Waste Management of Wisconsin, Inc. (f/k/a Acme Disposal Service Corp. and successor to City Disposal Corporation, f/k/a City Disposal Service, Inc.). Under the proposed consent decree, the ten settling defendants would pay a total of \$290,000.00.

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 Resource Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. USX Corp., et al.*, Civil No. 98 C 6389 (N.D. Ill.), and DOJ Reference No. 90-11-2-1315/1.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at: (1) the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District

of Illinois, 219 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604; (2) the United States Environmental Protection Agency (Region 5), 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590 (contact Stuart Hersh (312-886-6235)); and (3) the U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW, 3rd 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, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and DOJ Reference Number and enclose a check in the amount of \$9.00 for the consent decree only (36 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction costs), or \$9.75 for the consent decree and all appendices (39 pages), made 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

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on April 14, 1999, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. WCI Steel, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 4:95 CV 1442, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

In this action, the United States sought injunctive relief and civil penalties under section 309(b) and (d) of the Clean Water Act ("the Act"), 33 U.S.C. 1319(b) and (d), against WCI Steel, Inc. ("WCI") for violations of section 301 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311, and the terms and conditions of WCI's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permits at WCI's Warren, Ohio, steel mill. Specifically, the Complaint alleges that WCI repeatedly violated various effluent limitations in each of its three permits over the past several years, as evidenced by WCI's self-monitoring reports, and that numerous unpermitted discharges at both permitted outfalls and unpermitted point sources have occurred. In addition, WCI has allegedly violated various monitoring, sampling, and reporting requirements during the past several years.

The proposed Clean Water Act consent decree provides for injunctive relief consisting of an evaluation of

WCI's blast furnace recycle system, a comprehensive evaluation of its wastewater systems, a visible oil corrective action and monitoring plan, the removal of sludge and the lining of a wastewater pond as well as the removal of sludge and filling in of a second wastewater pond, cessation of chlorine discharges except as authorized by its NPDES permit, and various steps to improve compliance with stormwater effluent limitations. In addition, WCI will spend a minimum of \$750,000 to conduct a sediment removal Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") and a benthic macro-invertebrate sampling SEP in the Mahoning River. In addition, WCI will pay a civil penalty of \$1,140,000 to resolve the claims in the amended CWA complaint as well as claims for certain violations of a December 1997 administrative order.

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, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. WCI Steel, Inc.*, DOJ Ref. # 90-5-1-1-5027.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, 1800 Bank One Center, 600 Superior Avenue East, Cleveland, Ohio 44114; at U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 3rd 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., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20005. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$12.50 (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 Air Act

Under 28 CFR § 50.7 notice is hereby given that on April 14, 1999, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. WCI Steel, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 4:96 CV 659,

was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

In this action, the United States sought injunctive relief and civil penalties under Section 113(b) of the clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7413(b), for violations of the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Asbestos ("Asbestos NESHAP"), 40 CFR Part 61, Subpt. M, the federally approved Ohio State Implementation Plan ("SIP"), and an Approval to Construct permit issued pursuant to regulations promulgated under Part C of the Act, Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality, at WCI Steel's Warren, Ohio, facility. Specifically, the Complaint alleges that WCI violated the work practice, inspection, and notice requirements of the Asbestos NESHAP, the opacity limits set forth in Ohio Rule AP-3-07 and its revised version codified at OAC Rule 3745-17-07 of the Ohio SIP, the mass emission limits set forth in Ohio Rule AP-3-12 and its revised version codified at OAC Rule 3745-17-11 of the Ohio SIP, and the particulate emission limits set forth in WCI's Approval to Construct permit. The proposed consent decree provides for injunctive relief consisting of an asbestos NESHAP compliance plan, a visible emissions monitoring program, and an internal and external inspection and evaluation at WCI's electrostatic precipitator stack. In addition, WCI will pay a civil penalty of \$600,000 to resolve claims under the Clean Air Act, the asbestos NESHAP, and the Ohio SIP.

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 environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. WCI Steel, Inc.*, DOJ Ref. #90-5-1-1-5027A.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, 1800 Bank One Center, 600 Superior Avenue East, Cleveland, Ohio 44114; at U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW, 3rd 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, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20005. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$8.00 (25 cents per page