

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey****Technology Transfer Act of 1986**

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Swiss Reinsurance Company ("SwissRe") to conduct a probabilistic study of earthquake hazards in the greater Istanbul area.

INQUIRIES: If any other parties are interested in studying other areas with the USGS, please contact: Dr. Ross S. Stein, tel 1 650 329 4840, fax 1 650 329 4876, rstein@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: November 16, 1999.

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Acting Chief Geologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Receipt of Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) notice is hereby given that the following groups have each filed a letter of intent to petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. Each letter of intent was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on the date indicated, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

Juaneno Band of Mission Indians, c/o Sonia Johnston, P.O. Box 25628, Santa Ana, California 92799, withdrew from Juaneno Band of Mission Indians. (See, 47 FR 56184, 12/15/1982). March 8, 1996.

Ani Yvwi Yuchi, c/o Joe Lenwood Henderson, 58757 Santa Barbara

Drive, Yucca Valley, California 92284. July 31, 1996.

Loyal Shawnee Tribe, c/o Don Greenfeather, P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465. October 14, 1998.

Lost Cherokee of Arkansas & Missouri, c/o W.K. Maxwell, Jr., 108 South Fisher, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401. February 10, 1999.

Cherokee Nation of Alabama, c/o Winfred H. Watts, Jr., 4901 Clairmont Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35222. February 16, 1999.

Knugank, c/o Dennis Olson, P.O. Box 571, Dillingham, Alaska 99576. January 7, 1999.

Pequot Mohegan Tribe, Inc., c/o Van Thomas Green, 387 High Street, Suite 3-B, Middletown, Connecticut 06457. April 12, 1999.

The Yamassee Native American Moors of the Creek Nation, c/o Malachi York, P.O. Box 707, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061. April 27, 1999.

Sierra Foothill Wuksachi Yokuts/Tribe, c/o Marie Dominguez, 34845 Maxon Road, #108, Sanger, California 93657. May 11, 1999.

Costanoan Tribe of Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista Missions, c/o Quirina Cynthia Luna, 704 Wessmith Way, Madera, California 93638-2172. May 11, 1999.

Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc., c/o Daniel Castro Romero, Jr., 109 Clifford Court, San Antonio, Texas 78210. May 26, 1999.

Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek, c/o Leroy Lewis, P.O. Box 396, Neeses, South Carolina 29107. June 16, 1999.

Poquonnock Pequot Tribe, c/o Paul A. Davis, P.O. Box 250, Ledyard, Connecticut 06339. July 7, 1999.

The Wilderness Tribe of Missouri, c/o Dophes Barton, Route 2, Box 2232, Alton, Missouri 65606. August 16, 1999.

Tuscarora Nation East of the Mountains, c/o Robert Michael Chavis, 780 Andrews Farm Road, Rowland, North Carolina 28383-8080. September 8, 1999.

The Old Settler Cherokee Nation of Arkansas, c/o Joe Bagby, P.O. Box 82, Timbo, Arkansas 72680. September 17, 1999.

This is a notice of receipt of these letters of intent to petition and does not constitute notice that the petitions are under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) of the Federal regulations, third parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in

support of or in opposition to each group's petition and may request to be kept informed of all general actions affecting the petition. Third parties should provide copies of their submissions to the petitioner. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petitions may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, BIA, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, MS: 4660-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Advisory Board for Exceptional Children**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, the Bureau of Indian Affairs announces a meeting of the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to discuss the impact of Public Law 105-17, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997, on Indian children with disabilities.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16, 1999, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. MST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Old Town Hotel, 800 Rio Grand Boulevard, NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104. Telephone 1-800-237-2133; Fax (505) 842-9863.

Written statements may be submitted to Mr. Joe Christie, Acting Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-3512-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 208-6123; Fax (202) 208-5548.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Angelita Felix, Chief, Branch of Exceptional Education, (202) 208-5037.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Board is to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior, through the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, on the needs of Indian children with disabilities, as mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997, Public Law 105-17, June 4, 1997.

The agenda for this meeting will cover discussions of the organization of the Board, a review of the duties of the Board, and a review of existing policies and recommendations for any additional policy need.

The meeting will be open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Board for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed above. Summaries of Board meetings will be available for public inspection and copying ten days following the meeting at the same address.

The Board will prepare and submit an annual report to the Secretary of the Interior and the Congress containing a description of the activities of the Board for the preceding year.

The next Board meeting will be held on or about June 30, 2000.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

In accordance with departmental Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a consent decree resolving the liability of Arlington Valley Land Company, Inc. ("AVLC") and Ronald Nobach, Robert Hild, Nobach-Pacific, a general partnership, and Nobach-Hild, a general partnership (the Nobach and Hild parties are collectively referred to as "Nobach Hild") in *United States of America v. Arlington Valley Land Company, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. C99-1711C (W.D. Wa.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington on October 27, 1999.

The proposed consent decree concerns alleged violations of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311, resulting from the unauthorized discharge of

dredged or fill materials into waters of the United States at a location near Arlington, Washington (the "Site"). The consent decree enjoins AVLC and Nobach Hild from discharging dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. The consent decree further requires: (a) that Nobach Hild restore and create a total of approximately 6.5 acres of wetlands at the Site, in accordance with a restoration plan approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and (b) that AVLC donate to a conservation group for preservation a 23-acre tract of land consisting primarily of wetlands. The consent decree does not resolve the United States' claims against the former president of Arlington Valley Land Company, Defendant Mickie Jarvill.

The Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed consent decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, Attention: Michael J. Zevenbergen, Attorney, Environmental Defense Section, Seattle Field Office, c/o NOAA/Damage Assessment, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115, and should refer to *United States of America v. Arlington Valley Land Company, Inc. et al.*, DJ Reference No. 90-5-1-4-402.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court, 1010 Fifth Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

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United States Department of Justice.*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Ford Motor Company* (E.D. Mich.), Case No. 99-60670, entered into by plaintiffs United States of America, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Michigan, and Wayne County, Michigan and defendant Ford Motor Company was lodged on November 17, 1999 with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The proposed Consent Decree resolves certain claims under Section 113(b) of

the Clean Air Act ("the Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(b), against the defendant with respect to VOC emissions from coating lines at three of its facilities: the Michigan Truck Assembly Plant located at 38303 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, Michigan; the Dearborn Assembly Plant located at 3001 Miller Road, Dearborn, Michigan; and the Wayne Assembly Plant located at 37625 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, Michigan. Under the Consent Decree, Ford will pay a civil penalty of \$1.1 million (to be divided equally among the United States, Michigan, and Wayne County) and will implement a supplemental environmental project that will change its primer system at its Dearborn Assembly facility from a solvent-based system to a waterborne primer system.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for 30 days following the publication of this Notice. 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. Ford Motor Company*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-06026, -06026/2, -06026/3. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will also be taking public comment and holding a public hearing, if requested, on Ford's request for amendment to its State Permit to Install, No. 454-96a, for the installation and operation of the waterborne primer supplemental environmental project at the Dearborn Assembly facility as a pollution control project, which proposed amended permit is attached as Attachment D to the Consent Decree. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, 211 W. Fort St., Suite 2300, Detroit, MI 48226-3211 and the Region V Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by overnight mail addressed to the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, 13th Floor, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005, or by regular mail addressed to the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044.

In requesting a copy of the Consent Decree, please enclose a check in the amount of \$17.50 (25 cents per page for