

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to CERCLA

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, and 42 U.S.C. § 9622(d), notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States of America v. Waste Disposal Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 96-2124JWL was lodged on March 12, 1996 with the United States District Court for the District of Kansas.

In its Complaint, filed concurrently with the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, the United States alleges under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607(a), that the defendants are liable for implementation of the remedial action and reimbursement of response costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States at the Doepke Holliday Superfund Site ("Site") located in Johnson County, Kansas.

Under the proposed Consent Decree, 70 Settling Defendants (including 33 *de minimis* parties) and two Settling Federal Agencies (the United States Air Force and the United States Army Reserve) have agreed to finance and implement the final remedial action for the Site which EPA estimates will cost approximately \$11,000,000. The Settling Defendants will also pay 100% of EPA's future response costs, including EPA's oversight costs for remedial implementation. Finally, the Settling Defendants have agreed to pay all of the United States' outstanding past response costs in the amount of \$1,341,520.89.

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 Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States of America v. Waste Disposal Inc. et al.*, DOJ Ref. No. 90-11-3-600.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 500 State Avenue, Suite 360, Kansas City, Kansas 66101; the Region VII Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101; and at the Consent Decree Library, 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 Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy please refer

to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$29.50 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of Changes in Status of Extended Benefit (EB) Periods for the State of Alaska and Puerto Rico

This notice announces changes in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for the State of Alaska and Puerto Rico.

#### Summary

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding States' EB status:

- February 4, 1996—Alaska's 13-week insured unemployment rate for the week ending January 20, 1996 rose above 6.0 percent, causing the State to trigger "on" EM effective February 4, 1996.
- February 3, 1996—The 13-week insured unemployment rate for the week ending January 13, 1996 fell below 6.0 percent and was less than 120 percent of the average for the corresponding period for the prior two years, causing Puerto Rico to trigger "off" EB effective February 3, 1996.

#### Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the States by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a State beginning an EB period, the State employment security agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for extended benefits (20 CFR 615.13(c)(1)). In the case of a State ending an EB period, the State employment security agency will furnish a written notice to each individual who is filing claims for Extended Benefits informing them of the EB period and its effect on the individual's right to Extended Benefits (20 CFR 615.13(c)(4)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB benefits, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the programs, should contact the nearest State employment service office or unemployment compensation claims office in their locality.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on March 21, 1996.

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## Mine Safety and Health Administration

[MSHS Form 7000-2]

### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the "Quarterly Mine Employment and Coal Production Report" (MSHA Form 7000-2). MSHA is particularly interested in comments which:

- \* Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- \* 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;

- \* Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and