

to release information. Paragraph (3) also does not deprive states of the authority to exercise centralized control over the release of information, or if the state prefers, to generally authorize local agencies to release information as necessary. In addition to permitting proactive community notification and other notification, as discussed above, paragraph (3) and other provisions of the Act do not bar states from making registration information available upon request, if it is determined that such access is necessary for the protection of the public concerning who are required to register.

A proviso at the end of paragraph (3) in subsection (d) states that the identity of the victim of an offense that requires registration under the Act shall not be released. The purpose of this proviso is to protect the privacy of victims, and its restrictions may accordingly be waived at the victim's option. The proviso only applies to paragraph (3), and does not limit the disclosure of victim identity pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2), relating to law enforcement uses and confidential background checks.

Immunity for Good Faith Conduct—Subsection (e)

Subsection (e) states that law enforcement agencies, employees of law enforcement agencies, and state officials shall be immune from liability for good faith conduct under the Act.

Compliance—Subsection (f)

States have three years from the date of enactment (i.e., September 13, 1994) to come into compliance with the Act unless the Attorney General grants an additional two years where a state is making good faith efforts at implementation. States that fail to come into compliance within the specified time period will be subject to a mandatory 10% reduction of Byrne Formula Grant funding, and any funds that are not allocated to noncomplying states will be reallocated to states that are in compliance. The reallocated funds will be distributed among complying states in proportion to their populations.

States are encouraged to submit descriptions of their existing or proposed registration systems for sex offenders to the Department of Justice as promptly as possible. States may find it convenient, for example, to submit such descriptions in conjunction with their applications for Byrne Formula Grant funding. These submissions will enable the Department of Justice to review the status of state compliance with the Act, and to suggest any necessary changes to

achieve compliance before the funding reduction goes into effect.

To maintain eligibility for full Byrne Formula Grant funding following the end of the three-year implementation period provided by the Act, states will be required to submit information that shows compliance with the Act in at least one program year, or an explanation of why compliance cannot be achieved within that period and a description of good faith efforts that justify an extension of time (but not more than two years) for achieving compliance. States will also be required to submit information in subsequent program years concerning any changes in sex offender registration systems that may affect compliance with the Act.

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Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States versus American Recovery Company, et al.*, Civil Action No. 95-1590, was lodged on March 22, 1996 with the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. The Consent Decree requires defendant Thomas A. Mekis & Sons, Inc. to pay \$14,135 to reimburse a portion of the United States' past costs associated with the investigation and clean up of the Municipal & Industrial Disposal Company Superfund Site ("Site"), located in Elizabeth Township, Pennsylvania.

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 decrees. 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 versus American Recovery Company, et al.*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-2-949.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, 633 Post Office & Courthouse, 7th & Grant Streets, Pittsburgh, PA 15219; the Region III Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107; 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 \$5.75 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Amendment to Consent Decree in *United States v. Citizens Util. Co. of Ill.*, Civil Action No. 92 C 5132, was lodged on March 27, 1996, with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The Amendment to Consent Decree modifies the injunctive relief provisions of a Consent Decree entered by the Court on March 23, 1995, to permit Citizens' to implement either the remedial program described in the original decree or an alternative remedial program set out in the Amendment to Consent Decree. The purpose of both the original remedial program and the alternative remedial program is to ensure that Citizens achieves and maintains compliance with its National Pollutant Elimination Discharge System ("NPDES") permit for the West Suburban Treatment Plant No. 1 ("WSB #1"), a wastewater treatment plant owned and operated by citizens in Bolingbrook, Illinois. The original remedial program included the construction of improvements and implementation of operational changes at WSB #1, primarily to improve the plant's secondary treatment capacity. The alternative remedial program, if elected by Citizens, would include connecting WSB #1 to a nearby publicly-owned treatment plant operated by the Town of Bolingbrook and thereafter eliminating all direct discharges from WSB #1, except for limited discharges of excess flow from an equalization lagoon in accordance with terms and conditions of the NPDES permit for the WSB #1 facility.

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