

States Attorney, 157 Church Street, 23rd Floor, New Haven, Connecticut 06510; the Region I Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region I Records Center, 90 Canal Street, First Floor, Boston, MA 02203; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., Fourth 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 \$6.00 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Walker Smith,

Deputy Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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

In accordance with Section 122(d) of the Comprehensive Environmental, Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622, as amended, and Departmental policy 28 CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. General Electric Company*, Civil Action No. 3:96-CV-406-P was lodged on September 19, 1996 with the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina. This agreement resolves a judicial enforcement action brought by the United States against the settling defendant pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607. The United States seeks reimbursement for response costs and injunctive relief in order to remedy conditions in connection with the release or threatened release of hazardous substances into the environment at and from the General Electric/Shepherd Farm Superfund Site, in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

The settlement requires the defendant to perform and fund the soil and groundwater remediation as set forth in the Record of Decision issued on September 29, 1995 by the Regional Administrator for Region IV of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The settlement also requires GE to pay \$1,028,776 to the United States for past response costs incurred at the Site and to pay all future response costs

related to the remedy, including oversight costs. The Consent decree includes a covenant not to sue by the United States under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA and under Section 7003 of the Resource conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. 6973.

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, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. General Electric Company*, DOJ Ref #90-11-3-1561. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Rm. 207, U.S. Courthouse, 100 Otis St., Asheville, North Carolina 28801; the Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV, 345 Courtland Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, 30365; 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 \$25.00 (100 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Bruce Gelber,

Deputy Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993; the Ohio Aerospace Institute; Metal Matrix Composite Cooperative

Notice is hereby given that, on September 4, 1996, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), The Ohio Aerospace Institute's Metal Matrix Composite Cooperative ("MMC") filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing

(1) the identities of the parties to the joint venture and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are Ohio Aerospace Institute, Brook Park, OH; Williams International Co., L.L.C., Walled Lake, MI; Allied Signal, Phoenix, AZ; Allison, Indianapolis, IN; GE Aircraft Engines, Cincinnati, OH; and Pratt & Whitney, West Palm Beach, FL. MMC is a research and development venture formed to develop a damage tolerant MMC life prediction system for use in aircraft engine production component design by 1998. Specifically, computer-coded modules to predict metal matrix component damage behavior from creep-to-failure will be developed.

Membership in this consortium remains open, and MMC intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership. Information regarding membership may be obtained from Eileen Pickett, Ohio Aerospace Institute, Cleveland, OH.

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993 the Ohio Aerospace Institute Collaborative Core Research Program

Notice is hereby given that, on September 4, 1996, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), the Ohio Aerospace Institute's Collaborative Core Research Program ("CCRP") filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties to the joint venture and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are Caterpillar Inc., Peoria, IL; CyberOptics, Golden Valley, MN; Intelligent Automation Systems, Cambridge, MA; Allison Engine Company, Indianapolis, IN; Atkins & Pearce Technology Division, Covington, KY; Alcoa, Alcoa Center, PA; Allied