

Notice by District Ranger of Availability for Comment and Decisions

Coyote District: Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Cuba District: Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

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Jemez District: Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Pecos-Las Vegas District: Albuquerque Journal, published daily in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

Dated: September 3, 1997.

John R. Kirkpatrick,

Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

California Coast Province Advisory Committee (PAC)

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The California Coast Province Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet for a field trip to the Fork Fire area of the Upper Lake Ranger District, Mendocino National Forest, on May 7, 1997. The field trip will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Upper Lake Ranger District, 10025 Elk Mtn. Road, Upper Lake, CA, and conclude at 4 p.m. The PAC will also meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 8, 1997, at the Aurora RV Park meeting room, 2985 Lakeshore Blvd., Nice, CA. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Discussion of Fork Fire field trip and PAC recommendations; (2) Summary of April 3, 1997, Interagency Advisory Committee presentation; (3) Report and recommendations from Public/Private Subcommittee; (4) Report and recommendations from Monitoring Subcommittee; (5) Report and recommendations from Work on the Ground Subcommittee; (6) Report and recommendations from the PAC/SCERT coordinating committee; (7) Agency updates; and (8) Open public forum. All California Coast Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting

to Daniel Chisholm, USDA, Forest Supervisor, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (916) 934-3316 or Phebe Brown, Province Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA, 95988, (916) 934-3316.

Dated: April 8, 1997.

Daniel K. Chisholm,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: National Employers Survey-III.

Form Number(s): Automated survey instrument.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0787.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.

Burden: 3,250 hours.

Number of Respondents: 6,500.

Avg Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau plans to conduct the National Employers Survey (NES)-III. This survey is an extension and expansion of two previous NES surveys that were conducted in 1994 and 1996. As with the previous surveys, the NES-III will be conducted on a reimbursable basis for the National Center on the Employment Quality of the Workforce (EQW) administered through the Institute for Research in Higher Education of the University of Pennsylvania. The EQW is a group of professors, social scientists, and researchers from universities around the country studying the workplace in America. The EQW will incorporate the results of this survey into a larger five-year examination of the American workplace and will coordinate their efforts with similar studies and groups in other countries and with the World Bank.

The NES-III will provide unique information on employers' hiring and human resources practices and policies. In addition to adding to the base of information from the previous NES surveys, this survey will provide several

new and important data products, such as hiring and workforce characteristics, expanded analysis and estimation of return on human and physical capital, new data on partnerships between business and schools, measurements of technological change, and an employee survey.

This project is designed to provide planners and policymakers, in government and the private sector, with sophisticated information on how our workforce compares and competes with other countries in South America and the Far East.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Sections 8 and 9.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 10, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No. 970310048-7048-01]

RIN 0610-xx03

Wisconsin Steel Site—Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce (DoC).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement

SUMMARY: The Economic Development Administration has agreed to a settlement with Navistar International Transportation Corporation (Navistar) regarding the Wisconsin Steel Works, located in Chicago, Illinois (the Site), pursuant to Section 122 (i) of the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*) (CERCLA).

DATES: This notice is effective on April 16, 1997. Submit comments by May 16, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Send comments to Ken Kukovich, Director, Liquidation Division, Economic Development Administration, Room 7840, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4965, fax number (202) 482-2217. Copies of the proposed settlement agreement, Consent Order, and all attachments, can be requested at the same address and telephone numbers above. Electronically the information on the proposed settlement agreement and the Consent Order (without the attachments) is available via the Internet on EDA's Home Page at <http://www.doc.gov/agencies/eda/index.html> (under Regulations and Notices).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Between 1876 and 1980 various portions of the former Wisconsin Steel Works, located in Chicago, Illinois (the Site) functioned as a fully-integrated steel mill. EDA guaranteed a loan of \$100 million under its Special Steel Loan Guaranty Program in 1979. After the Wisconsin Steel Company filed for protection under the bankruptcy laws in 1980, EDA honored its guaranty. EDA and the International Harvester Corporation, the predecessor to Navistar, a former owner of the Site and also a guarantor of the loan, thereafter foreclosed upon the mortgages securing the loan. Title to the Site is currently held by American National Bank as trustee for the Wisconsin Steel Land Trust an Illinois land trust. EDA is the 90 percent beneficiary of the Trust and Navistar is the 10 percent beneficiary.

No steel-making operations have been conducted on the Site since 1980. In 1984, EDA, as directing beneficiary, directed the demolition of the majority of above-ground structures. The demolition was conducted by Cuyahoga Wrecking Company and, after Cuyahoga filed for protection under the bankruptcy laws, demolition was completed by the National Wrecking Company.

EDA undertook a preliminary assessment and a site investigation of the Site. EDA also had on-going discussions with the Illinois Environmental Protecting Agency (IEPA), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), on how best to address the environmental

conditions found at the Site. In November 1990, IEPA formally notified EDA that enforcement by the state would be suspended and the matter deferred to USEPA for cleanup under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*) ("CERCLA").

In April 1991, EDA directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) to investigate and remediate the Site on EDA's behalf. The Corps conducted two Rapid Response removals at the Site to secure it and make it safe for investigation, the first in 1992 and the second in 1993. The Corps completed the Phase I Remedial Investigation in the Spring of 1994.

Proposed Settlement

EDA has agreed to a settlement with Navistar relating to the Site. EDA is publishing this Notice of Proposed Settlement pursuant to Section 122(i) of CERCLA. EDA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should public comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate.

In brief, the proposed settlement provides that EDA will transfer its 90 percent beneficial ownership under an Illinois land trust in the Site to Navistar at a closing (the Closing) which will occur after the following three events have occurred:

(1) An Illinois state court judge shall have approved an Administrative Order by Consent between Navistar and the State of Illinois.

(2) EDA shall have obtained written approval of this Agreement from the U. S. Department of Justice.

(3) EDA shall have informed Navistar, in writing, of EDA's decision to finalize this Agreement after EDA's consideration of all comments received in response to publication of this Agreement in the **Federal Register**.

The proposed settlement further provides that Navistar shall pay \$10,950,000 to EDA at the closing. Of this sum, \$5,000,000 is attributed to EDA's environmental claims against Navistar, under various state and Federal environmental statutes and the common law. The remaining \$5,950,000 is attributed to EDA's non-environmental claims against Navistar, including claims arising under a guaranty between EDA and Navistar, and real estate taxes paid by EDA. In addition, EDA shall be entitled to the first \$1,244,000 of net proceeds received from the sale of the real estate of the Site after remediation is completed, and shall share in the net proceeds of any

further sales on a 50-50 basis with Navistar.

Navistar covenants not to sue the United States, including EDA, for any of its claims in connection with the Site, as defined therein. The United States, including EDA, covenants not to sue Navistar for its environmental claims and non-environmental claims as defined therein. Navistar also indemnifies the United States, including EDA, from any and all claims asserted by non-parties to the settlement relating to the environmental conditions of the Site.

As a further condition of the settlement, Navistar and the State of Illinois have negotiated a Consent Order under the Illinois pre-notice site cleanup program, which has been entered by the circuit court for Cook County, Illinois, on December 30, 1996, in the matter: *State of Illinois v. Navistar International Transportation Corporation, Inc.*, Case No. 96CH0014146 (Circuit Court, Cook County, Illinois). Such Consent Order provides, *inter alia*, that:

(1) Navistar shall conduct all phases of environmental remediation at the Site, including completion of the Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, Remedial Design, Remedial Action, and Operation and Maintenance;

(2) Navistar agrees to submit all scopes of work and work plans for the work outlined above, as well as Navistar's proposed selection of a remedial remedy, to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval;

(3) Navistar waives its right to withdraw from the program; and

(4) The Consent Order is enforceable by IEPA.

Dated: April 10, 1997.

Phillip A. Singerman,
Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an Amended Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 85-6A018.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has issued an amendment to the Export Trade Certificate of Review granted to U.S. Shippers Association ("USSA") on June 3, 1986. Notice of issuance of the