

National Memorial; 100 hours at Lowell National Historical Park; 160 hours at Voyageurs National Park.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Bristol County, MA; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Meetings**

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-109 section 102(c)), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park (NHP), located in New Bedford, Bristol County, Massachusetts. The purpose of the EIS is to assess the impacts of alternative management strategies which will be described in the general management plan for New Bedford Whaling NHP. A range of alternatives will be formulated for natural and cultural resource protection, visitor use and interpretation, facilities development, and operations.

The NPS will hold a series of four (4) public meetings between May 3 and May 21, 1997 which will provide an opportunity for public input into the scoping for the GMP/EIS. The date, time, and location of these meetings will be announced through local media as they will be held at various places in the New Bedford area. The purpose of these meetings is to obtain both written and verbal comments concerning the future development of New Bedford Whaling NHP. Those persons who wish to comment verbally or in writing should contact Ellen Levin Carlson, Planning Project Manager, New England Support Office, National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109-3572, (617) 223-5048.

The draft GMP/EIS is expected to be completed and available for public review in late 1998. After public and interagency review of the draft document comments will be considered, and a final EIS followed by a Record of Decision will be prepared.

The responsible official is Richard Rambur, Acting Superintendent, New Bedford Whaling National Historical

Park, 33 William Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

**Terry W. Savage,**

*Superintendent, New England System Support Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **National Capital Region; Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission; Notice of Public Meeting**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission will be held on May 2nd 1997 at 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on May 3rd, 1997 at 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Madison Hotel, located at 15th and M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Commission was authorized on December 11, 1991, by Pub. L. 102-211, for the purpose of advising the Secretary of the Interior in the development of a General Management Plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic site.

The members of the Commission are as follow: Dr. Dorothy I. Height; Ms. Barbara Van Blake; Ms. Brenda Girton-Mitchell; Dr. Savanna C. Jones; Dr. Bettye J. Gardner, Bettye Collier-Thomas; Mr. Eugene Morris; Dr. Rosalyn Terborg-Penn; Mrs. Bertha S. Waters; Dr. Frederick Stielow; Dr. Sheila Flemming; Dr. Ramona Edelin; Mrs. Romaine B. Thomas; Ms. Brandi L. Creighton; and Dr. Janette Hoston Harris.

The purpose of these meeting will be to continue planning and developing a general management plan for the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons who wish further information concerning this meeting or wish to file a written statement or testify at the meeting may contact Ms. Marta C. Kelly, the Federal Liaison Officer for the Commission, at (202) 673-2402. Minutes of these meetings will be available for public inspection 4 weeks after the meeting at the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic site, located at 1318 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Dated: April 9, 1997.

**Richard S. Powers,**

*Acting Regional Director, National Capital Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### **Notice of Lodging of Settlement Agreement Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act**

In accordance with Departmental policy, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. AAF McQuay, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 3-95-2032-23 was lodged on March 28, 1997, with the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. The proposed consent decree settles certain claims asserted by the United States on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") pursuant to Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, for costs incurred in response to the release on threatened release of hazardous substances at the Hinson Superfund Site ("Site"), located near Clover, South Carolina.

The proposed Consent Decree requires Settling Defendants W.R. Grace & Co. and Collins & Aikman Corporation to pay the United States \$350,000 in reimbursement of certain response costs that the United States has incurred for response actions at the Site. A consent decree previously entered in this action required another group of settling defendants to pay the United States \$1,590,000 in reimbursement of response costs with respect to the Site.

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. AAF McQuay, Inc., et al.* et al., 90-11-2-1114.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, District of South Carolina, 1441 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; 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