

Douglasville, Georgia. Under the proposed consent decree, Continental Trading Company and Dr. Fred W.J. Liu will pay \$67,500 to the United States in reimbursement of response costs incurred by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in connection with the Basket Creek site. Most of the removal of hazardous substances from the Basket Creek Site was conducted by Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc. EPA has incurred costs of approximately \$678,000 in connection with the Basket Creek 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 Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Young Refining Company*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-2-755.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Richard Russell Federal Building, Suite 1800, 75 Spring Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30335; the Region 4 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsythe St., SE., Atlanta, Georgia 30303; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 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, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$4.50 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Walker B. Smith,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Petroleum Environmental Research Forum ("PERF") Project 95-11

Notice is hereby given that, on October 2, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"),

Petroleum Environmental Research Forum ("PERF") Project 95-11, titled "Advanced NDE for Acoustic Emission Interpretation", has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties 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: Exxon Research and Engineering Company, Florham Park, NJ; Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX; Aramco Services Company, Houston, TX; Chevron Research and Technology Company, Richmond, CA; Mobil Technology Company, Paulsboro, TX; and BP International Place, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex TW167LN United Kingdom. The nature and objective of the research program is to deliver software and/or protocols to permit reliable use of AEI for onstream applications.

Participation in this venture will remain open to all interested persons and organizations until the final Project Completion Date which is presently anticipated to occur approximately twenty-one months after the project commences. Also the parties intend to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership. Information about participating in Project 95-11 may be obtained by contacting Emery B. Lendvai-Lintner, Exxon Research and Engineering Company, P.O. Box 101, Florham Park, NJ 07932-0101.

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

[F.C.S.C. Meeting Notice No. 3-98]

Sunshine Act Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR Part 504) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings and oral hearings for the transaction of Commission business and other matters specified, as follows:

DATE AND TIME: Friday, February 20, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT MATTER: (1) Issuance of Proposed and Final Decisions on Claims Against Albania; (2) Hearings on the Record on Objections to Proposed Decisions on Claims Against Albania.

STATUS: Open.

All meetings are held at the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC. Requests for information, or advance notices of intention to observe an open meeting, may be directed to: Administrative Officer, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street, NW., Room 6002, Washington, DC 20579. Telephone: (202) 616-6988.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 21, 1998.

Judith H. Lock,

Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Statistics; Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review: Prison population reports midyear counts and advance yearend counts-National prisoner statistics; Revision of a currently approved collection.

This information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until March 30, 1998. This process is conducted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or need additional information, please contact James Stephan, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 7th Street NW, Washington, DC 20531, or via facsimile (202) to 202-307-1463.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of information collection. Revision of currently approved collection.

(2) The title of the Form/Collection: Prison Population Reports Midyear Counts; and Prison Population Report Advance Yearend Counts—National Prisoner Statistics.

(3) The agency form number and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection. Form: NPS-1A; and NPS-1B. Corrections Unit, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) Affected public who will be asked to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: State Departments of Corrections. Others: The Federal Bureau of Prisons. For the NPS-1A form, 52 central reporters (one from each State, the District of Columbia, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons) responsible for keeping records on inmates will be asked to provide information for the following categories:

(a) As of June 30 of the current year and June 30 of the previous year, the number of male and female inmates under their jurisdiction with maximum sentences of more than one year, one year or less; and unsentenced inmates; and

(b) As of June 30 of the current year, and June 30 of the previous year, the number of male and female inmates in their custody with maximum sentences of more than one year, one year or less; and unsentenced inmates.

For the NPS-1B form, 52 central reporters (one from each State, the District of Columbia, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons) responsible for keeping records on inmates will be asked to provide information for the following categories:

(a) As of December 31 of the current year, and December 31 of the previous year, the number of male and female inmates under their jurisdiction with maximum sentences of more than one year, one year or less; and unsentenced inmates;

(b) The number of inmates housed in county or other local authority correctional facilities, or in other state or Federal facilities on December 31 of the current year solely to ease prison crowding;

(c) As of the direct result of state prison crowding during the current year, the number of inmates released via court order, administrative procedure or statute, accelerated release, sentence reduction, emergency release, or other expedited release; and

(d) The aggregate rated, operational, and design capacities, by sex, of each State's correctional facilities at yearend.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics uses this information in published reports and for the U.S. Congress, Executive Office of the President, practitioner, researchers, students, the media, and others interested in criminal justice statistics.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time needed for an average respondent to respond: 52 respondents each taking an average 2.5 hours to respond.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 130 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required, contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: January 21, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Justice Statistics

[OJP(BJS)-1151]

Continuation of Federal Justice Statistics Program

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), Justice.
ACTION: Solicitation for award of cooperative agreement.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce a public solicitation for the continuation of the Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) Federal Justice Statistics Program (FJSP). The FJSP serves as the national resource for data describing the processing of criminal cases in the Federal criminal justice system. Under this program, data generated by Federal

criminal justice agencies are collected, maintained, analyzed, and archived. Data are also linked across agencies to permit more complex analyses of Federal criminal justice issues. Regular annual reports and special topical reports are prepared that describe the Federal criminal justice system, Federal defendants and offenses, and other special issues of interest. In addition, special tabulations are prepared, pursuant to BJS direction, in response to requests from government officials. The project to be funded under the proposed cooperative agreement will continue the program's current activities.

DATES: Proposals must be postmarked on or before March 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Proposals should be mailed to: Applications Coordinator, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Scalia, Program Manager, Federal Justice Statistics Program, Bureau of Justice Statistics, (202) 616-3276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Bureau of Justice Statistics Federal Justice Statistics Program (FJSP) was initiated in 1982 to serve as a central resource for information describing the processing of Federal criminal defendants and characteristics of those defendants. The program collects data from different components of the Federal criminal justice system and tracks the progress of suspects from investigation through prosecution, adjudication, sentencing, and corrections. The program represents the primary BJS effort describing the Federal criminal justice system and responds directly to the legislative authorization that BJS "collect, analyze, and disseminate comprehensive Federal justice transaction statistics (including statistics on issues of Federal justice interest such as public fraud and high technology crime)" as set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 3732(c)(15).

In keeping with the original program plan which was designed to minimize data collection costs, no original data collection is supported under this program. Data are obtained from operational Federal agencies including the Executive Office for the United States Attorneys, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the Bureau of Prisons, and the United States Sentencing Commission. In order to trace the flow of cases from one stage to another and to supplement any individual agency's data, computer matching techniques have been developed that permit the linking of