

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1933; Petroleum Environmental Research Forum Project No. 95-04**

Notice is hereby given that, on December 30, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. 4301, *et seq.* ("the Act"), the participants in the Petroleum Environmental Research Forum ("PERF") Project No. 95-04, titled "Risk Assessment Cooperative Research Program," have filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and with the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the Project. 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 current parties in PERF Project No. 95-04 are: American Association of Railroads, Washington, DC; Amoco Corporation, Naperville, IL; Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY; Elf Aquitaine, Washington, DC; Exxon Biomedical Sciences, Inc., East Millstone, NJ; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA; Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Company, Idaho Falls, ID; Los Alamos National Laboratories, Los Alamos, NM; Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, OK; Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX; Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM; Texas Group, Inc., Bellaire, TX; and Unocal Corporation, Brea, CA.

The nature and objectives of the research program to be performed in accordance with PERF Project No. 95-04 are aimed at developing/improving methods, data and models for measuring or estimating the fate and transport of contaminants in support of risk assessment activities as applied to site cleanup efforts at petroleum, petrochemical, and chemical industry facilities. The results should fill gaps in the science of risk assessment allowing technically defensible and cost effective measurement or estimation of concentrations at potential points of exposure to contaminants.

Participation in this project will remain open to interested persons and organizations until issuance of the final Project Report, which is presently anticipated to occur approximately May

31, 1998. The participants intend to file additional written notification(s) disclosing all changes in project membership.

Information regarding participation in this project may be obtained from Dr. Bruce Krewinghaus, Shell Oil Products Company, P.O. Box 1380, Houston, Texas 77251-1380, telephone: (281) 544-8970.

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1933; Short Wavelength Optical Storage Consortium**

Notice is hereby given that, on September 3, 1997, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), the Short Wavelength Optical Storage Consortium (the "Consortium") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes to (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending 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 added to the Joint Venture are: Hewlett Packard Company, Palo Alto, CA; Imation Corp., Oakdale, MN. The parties dropped are: Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, IBM, Philips Electronics N.V., Philips Electronic North American Corporation.

A change in planned activities occurred in 1997. The venture entered into a new agreement with various effective dates to work together to develop technology for cost effective fabrication of commercially attractive wavelength systems. Advances in optical storage technology are required to meet the evolving, information-intensive requirements of military, commercial and consumer users. The goal of the venture is to develop the technology base for a high density blue-green laser rewritable optical storage system, targeting commercial sales by the year 2000. The technical approach includes parallel development of laser diodes, plastic substrates, recording

layers, servo and recording formats, and detection systems.

On April 18, 1995, the participants filed their original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on June 27, 1995 (60 FR 33233).

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1933; Southwest Research Institute; Correction**

In notice document 97-31306 appearing on pages 63389 and 63390 in the issue of Friday, November 28, 1997, make the following correction:

In the third column of page 63389, line 34, starting after the word, "Inc.," the following should be added: "has had a change of name to Texas Group, Inc.,".

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Immigration and Naturalization Service**

[INS No. 1880-97]

Notice of Implementation of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 Pertaining to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces how the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) intends to implement the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA), as it pertains to the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM) which is carried out by members of certain cultural and religious groups within the United States. This is necessary to ensure that visa recipients, prior to or at the time of entry into the United States, are notified of the severe harm to the physical and psychological health of women and girls, caused by FGM, and of the potential legal consequences for performing FGM on a child or adult, or