

The proposed De Micromis Consent Decree resolves the liability of and provides contribution protection to three municipalities (the City of Benwood, West Virginia; the Village of Flushing, Ohio; and the City of Wheeling, West Virginia) that contributed minuscule amounts of municipal solid waste or municipal sewer sludge to the Buckeye Reclamation Landfill Superfund Site (the "Site"), located in Belmont County, Ohio.

The proposed De Micromis Consent Decree is considered part of the overall settlement of the United States claims. As de micromis contributors of waste to the Site, the three settling municipalities, all of which have been named as third party defendants, are not required to make any payment under the proposed De Micromis Consent Decree.

The Department of Justice will receive comments concerning the proposed De Micromis Consent Decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C., 20044, and should refer to *United States v. Consolidation Coal Company, et al.*, DOJ Number 90-11-2-1006. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6973(d).

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at any of the following offices: (1) The Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of Ohio, 280 N. High Street, 4th Floor, Columbus, OH (614) 469-5715; (2) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6842; and (3) the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed De Micromis 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 enclose a check in the amount of \$3.00 (\$.25 per page reproduction charge) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

In accordance with Department of Justice policy, notice is hereby given that on March 9, 1998, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Cowles Media Company, et al.*, Civil No. 4-96-958, was lodged in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. The Complaint filed by the United States sought to recover costs incurred by the United States pursuant to CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, at the Brooklyn Park Dump Site in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. The Consent Decree requires Defendant, the Estate of Arthur Wise, to reimburse the United States in the amount of \$50,000.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments concerning the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044, and should refer to *United States v. Cowles Media Company, et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-2-1099.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at any of the following offices: (1) The United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, 234 United States Courthouse, 110 S. 4th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55401 (contact Assistant United States Attorney Friedrich Siekert); (2) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590 (contact Assistant Regional Counsel Elizabeth Murphy); and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, 202-624-0892. Copies 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, DC 20005, telephone (202) 624-0892. For a copy of the Consent Decree please enclose a check in the amount of \$4.25 (25 cents per page reproduction costs) payable to Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States and State of Connecticut v. Town of Southington, et al.*, Civil Action Nos. 3:98cv8 and 3:98cv236 was lodged on March 12, 1998, with the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

The compliant in this action seeks (1) to recover, pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 *et seq.*, response costs incurred and to be incurred by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at the Old Southington Landfill Superfund Site located in the Town of Southington, Connecticut ("Site"); and (2) injunctive relief under Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606. The defendants include the Towns of Southington, United Technologies Corp. and 266 other parties.

The proposed Consent Decree embodies an agreement with two potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") at the Site pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, to perform a remedial action at the Site including the relocation of businesses located on the Site, the construction of a multi-layer cap, the excavation and consolidation of a "hot-spot", the extraction and possible treatment of landfill gases, and the performance of additional groundwater studies. The proposed Consent Decree also embodies an agreement with 266 PRPs at the Site, including the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy and the General Services Administration, to pay approximately \$5.1 million, in aggregate, in settlement of claims for EPA's past and future responses costs, and certain parties' past costs at the Site. The monies paid by these 266 settlers will be used to reimburse past costs incurred at the Site and to partially fund the remedial action being performed by the two performing parties.

The Consent Decree provides the settling defendants with releases for civil liability for: (1) EPA's and the State of Connecticut's ("State's") past CERCLA response costs at the Site; (2) response costs in connection with the remedy for the Site; and (3) for damages for natural resources under the trusteeship of the Secretary of

Commerce, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States and State of Connecticut v. Town of Southington, et al.*, DOJ Ref. No. 90-11-2-420A.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, U.S. Courthouse, 915 Lafayette Blvd., Rm. 309, Bridgeport, CT 06604; the Region I Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region I Records Center, 90 Canal Street, First Floor, Boston, MA 02203; and 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, Fourth Floor, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$175.00 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on March 12, 1998 a proposed consent decree in *United States, et al. v. Stone Container Corporation*, Civil Action No. CV 96-017-M, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Montana.

In this action, the United States sought civil penalties and injunctive relief under Section 113 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7413, for alleged violations of the Clean Air Act committed at Stone Container Corporation's ("Stone") kraft pulp mill and liner board facility near Missoula, Montana. The proposed consent decree provides for payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$312,500 and requires

Stone's compliance with certain provisions of the Montana State Implementation Plan and certain provisions of the Montana State Implementation Plan and certain New Source Performance Standards set forth at 40 CFR Part 60. The proposed consent decree also requires Stone to study and revise correlation equations necessary for determining Stone's compliance with its mass emissions limits for particulates. Three citizens groups, Montana Coalition for Health, Environmental and Economic Rights, Inc., Cold Mountain, Cold Rivers, Inc. and Native Forest Network, Inc., also are parties to the proposed consent decree.

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 of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States, et al. v. Stone Container Corporation*, D.J. Ref. 90-5-2-1-1975.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 2929 Third Ave. North, Western Federal Savings and Loan Building, Suite 400, Billings, Montana 59101, at U.S. EPA Region Eight, 999 18th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, 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 enclose a check in the amount of \$11.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and Under the Clean Water Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement ("PPA") was executed on March 6, 1998, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and approved on March 6, 1998, by the U.S. Department of the Interior ("DOI"), and

is subject to final approval by the U.S. Department of Justice. The proposed PPA would resolve certain potential claims under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, and under section 311(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 1321(b)(3), against the City of Aurora, Colorado, acting by and through its Utility Enterprise, as the prospective purchaser of the Hayden Ranch located in Lake County, Colorado (the "prospective purchaser"). The PPA would require the prospective purchaser to provide access to the United States for the implementation of potential future removal actions by or at the direction of EPA, or environmental restoration activities by or at the direction of DOI, on the Hayden Ranch, located in Lake County, Colorado, in response to past mining activities in areas hydrologically upstream of the Hayden Ranch property, and in particular at the California Gulch Superfund Site. Such access would allow for the construction of a permanent repository on the Hayden Ranch, and placement of tailings in such repository which may be excavated from various fluvial tailings locations in an eleven-mile reach of the upper Arkansas River basin. The prospective purchaser would be obligated to provide for the long-term maintenance and monitoring associated with such improvements made by or at the direction of EPA or DOI. The prospective purchaser would further be required to provide the United States limited water rights for a three year period in connection with EPA's removal actions or DOI's environmental restoration activities on the Hayden Ranch.

EPA and DOI will receive for a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the PPA. Comments should be addressed to William P. Yellowtail, Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202.

The proposed PPA may be examined at the Superfund Records Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Fifth Floor, North Terrace, Denver, CO 80202. A copy of the proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement may be obtained in person, by mail from, or by calling the Superfund Records Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500,