

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