

Consent Decree resolves certain claims of the United States and Oregon against the settling parties relating to the Northwest Pipe & Casing Site in Clackamas County, Oregon. Under the Decree, the settling parties will, *inter alia*, pay the United States \$200,000 plus interest.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for 30 days following the publication of this Notice. 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 v. Northwest Development Company*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-1557C. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6973(d).

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, 888 S.W. 5th Ave., Suite 1000, Portland, OR 97204-2024; the Region 10 Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101; 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 of the proposed Consent Decree, please enclose a check in the amount of \$6.25 (25 cents per page for reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Air Act

Notice is hereby given that on March 31, 1998, a proposed Consent Decree was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in *United States v. Union Oil Co.*, A97-397 CIV (JWS) (D. Alaska). The proposed Consent Decree settles claims asserted by the United States at the request of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in a complaint filed on October

7, 1997. The United States filed its complaint pursuant to Section 113 of the Clean Air Act ("CAA" or "Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(b). The complaint requested the assessment of civil penalties and injunctive relief against defendant Union Oil Company of California d.b.a. Unocal ("Unocal") for the following: (1) Violations of the CAA's prevention of significant deterioration ("PSD") program as set forth in Part C of Title I, 42 U.S.C. 7471 *et seq.*, and in the regulations promulgated thereunder, 40 CFR 52.21; and (2) violations of conditions contained in state permit conditions issued under the federally enforceable Alaska State Implementation Plan. The United States alleges that the violations occurred in connection with the modification and operation of equipment at Unocal's ammonia and urea processing facility in Kenai, Alaska.

Under the proposed Consent Decree, Unocal will pay to the United States a \$550,000 civil penalty. In addition, Unocal will spend more than \$6.6 million to install a Supplemental Environmental Project ammonia flare and scrubber system. Unocal also will monitor the combustion efficiency of its equipment and will perform specified injunctive relief to comply with the Clean Air Act and the Alaska State Implementation Plan.

The Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Union Oil Co.*, DOJ #90-5-2-1-2079. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Region 10 Office of EPA, 7th Floor Records Center, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101. A copy of the 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 (202) 624-0892. In requesting copies, please enclose a check in the amount of \$9.50 (25 cents per page) payable to the "Consent Decree Library."

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### National Institute of Justice

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### National Institute of Justice Request for Proposals for Comparative, Cross-National Crime Research Challenge Grants

**AGENCY:** Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement of the availability of the National Institute of Justice "NIJ Request for Proposals for Comparative, Cross-National Crime Research Challenge Grants."

**DATES:** Due date for receipt of proposals is close of business September 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the solicitation, please call NCJRS 1-800-851-3420. For general information about application procedures for solicitations, please call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center 1-800-421-6770.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority**

This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, §§ 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

**Background**

In its effort to support and encourage cross-national and interagency partnerships devoted to producing and utilizing comparative research on crime, the National Institute of Justice is soliciting proposals for research on crime and criminal behavior of a cross-national and comparative nature. NIJ intends to support up to five research challenge grants to U.S. based researchers to conduct the U.S. part of a comparative study, for a total of up to \$500,000. Each project supported by NIJ must have counterparts to conduct parallel research outside of the United States. These counterparts may be supported by the government agencies or departments, private non-profit organizations, or universities of other nations. In this way, it is anticipated that the first projects will initiate a new series of cross-national research partnerships.

Interested organizations should call the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 1-800-851-3420 to obtain a copy of "NIJ Request for