

parts marking provided them with a valuable tool for detecting, apprehending, and prosecuting thieves. After considering the analyses, surveys and public comments obtained during the preparation of the 1991 report, DOT recommended that the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard be continued with minor changes.

In addition, on June 26, 1997, DOT sought information concerning the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard in a **Federal Register** Notice (62 FR 34494) requesting comments on a DOT preliminary report entitled "Auto Theft and Recovery; Preliminary Report on the Effects of the Anti Car Theft Act of 1992 and the Motor Vehicle Theft Law Enforcement Act of 1984." Persons interested in obtaining a copy of this report should contact the Docket Section, Room 5111, NASSIF Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, and refer to Docket Number 97-042; Notice 1.

According to DOT's June 26, 1997 notice, analyses of the effectiveness of parts marking in "high theft" passenger car lines suggested that parts marking has benefits in reducing theft rates, and at times in increasing recovery rates. DOT stated that these benefits seem to exceed the cost of parts marking. DOT also found that the greatest impact of parts marking appears to occur with chop shops and "professional" auto thieves. While more vehicles stolen for export are being recovered according to DOT, the number recovered was too small to say that parts marking has helped reduce thefts for export or recovery of these vehicles. (62 FR 34496).

Given that parts marking appears to be effective in currently marked passenger car lines, DOT believed that there was no reason to doubt that it also could have benefits for other passenger vehicles. DOT further stated that it appears that parts marking and other provisions of the 1984 Act and ACTA have given the law enforcement community tools they can use to deter thefts, trace stolen vehicles and parts, and apprehend and convict thieves. (62 FR 34496-97).

The Department of Justice plans to utilize these reports and studies, as well as any comments solicited by this notice or the DOT notice, as the record for the finding it will make to the Secretary of DOT pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 33103(c).

#### Comments Sought

The Department of Justice seeks public comment on whether or not applying the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard to the remaining lines of passenger motor

vehicles (except light duty trucks) substantially inhibits chop shop operations and motor vehicle thefts. In this regard, the Department of Justice also seeks comments concerning additional costs, effectiveness, competition, and available alternative factors associated with the expansion of the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard to the remaining lines of passenger motor vehicles (except light duty trucks).

All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date will be considered. To the extent possible, comments filed after the closing date also will be considered.

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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, and Section 122 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622, notice is hereby given that on July 31, 1998, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Crestwood Development et al.*, Civ. Action No. 98-73313 was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. This Consent Decree represents a settlement of claims of the United States against: (1) Crestwood Development Company, (2) Ford Motor Company; (3) Indian Head Industries, Inc. (f.k.a Detroit Gasket & Manufacturing Company); (4) John Denski; (5) Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company; (6) Purolator Products Company; (7) Stanley Denski; (8) TBG Services, Inc.; (9) TPI Petroleum, Inc. (f.k.a. J. Austin Oil); (10) Woolf Aircraft Products; (11) Charter Township of Canton; (12) City of Allen Park; (13) City of Garden City; (14) City of Inkster; (15) City of Livonia; (16) City of Plymouth; (17) City of Romulus; (18) City of Wayne; (19) City of Westland; and (20) County of Wayne (collectively "Settling Defendants"), for reimbursement of response costs in connection with the Nankin Township Superfund Site ("Site") pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.

Under this settlement with the United States, Settling Defendants, will pay \$1,573,551.76, plus interest, in

reimbursement of response costs incurred by the United States at the Site. In addition, Performing Settling Defendants (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, the County of Wayne and Crestwood Development) will submit a Remedial Action Plan ("RAP") to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") by February 1, 1999. Upon approval of the RAP by MDEQ, the Performing Settling Defendants will implement the work outlined in the RAP by the dates specified in the RAP.

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 Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Crestwood Development, et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-2-1291.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, 211 West Fort Street, Suite 2300, Detroit, MI 48226, at the Region 5 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590, 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 Consent Decree, please enclose a check payable to the Consent Decree Library in the amount of \$9 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) for a copy of the Consent Decree.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Joel G. Freeman, et al.*, Case No. 96 Civ. 2354 (CLB), was lodged on August 31, 1998, in the United States