

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. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check made payable to the Consent Decree Library in the amount of \$6.00 (25 cents per page reproduction costs).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decrees Under CERCLA and the Clean Water Act

Under 28 CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that on August 6, 1996, the United States lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana two proposed, related Consent Decrees, the first in *United States v. USX Corporation*, Civil Action No. 2:98CV 465JM (the "CWA Action") and the second in *United States and The State of Indiana v. USX Corporation*, Civil Action No. 2:98CV 464RL (the "NRD Action").

In the CWA Action, the United States asserted claims against USX Corporation ("USX") under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*. In the separate NRD Action, the United States and the State of Indiana asserted natural resource damages ("NRD") claims against USX under the NRD provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.*, the Clean Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*, and the Oil Pollution Act, 33 U.S.C. § 2701 *et seq.* The claims in both actions relate to USX's Gary Works steel-making facility in Gary, Indiana and are based on National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit violations, unpermitted pollutant discharges, and releases of oil and hazardous substances from Gary Works to the East Branch of the Grand Calumet River ("EBGCR").

The proposed CWA Action consent decree, if entered by the Court, will resolve the claims in that action and provide for relief including: (i) sediment remediation through dredging and proper disposal of contaminated sediments currently located in a five-mile stretch of the EBGCR adjacent to and downriver from Gary Works; (ii) the implementation of NPDES compliance

programs to identify and stop the sources of permit violations and unpermitted discharges; and (iii) the payment by USX of \$1.8 million in civil penalties, plus \$1.1 million in stipulated penalties under a prior, 1990 Consent Decree relating to Gary Works.

The proposed NRD Action consent decree, if entered by the Court, will resolve the claims in the NRD action and require USX, in addition to implementing the sediment remediation project described above: (i) to clean up the surface of, and to convey to the United States and the State of Indiana, more than 214 acres, in the aggregate, of undeveloped property, including globally-rare dune and swale habitat, as compensation for lost uses of natural resources; (ii) to restore and protect 32 additional acres as wetlands, as compensation for wetlands that will be lost during dredging; (iii) to pay the United States' and the State's assessment costs (approximately \$570,000); and (iv) to pay \$1 million into an escrow account to pay for post-dredging monitoring of the EBGCR.

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 Decrees. 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. USX Corporation*, Civil Action No. 2:98CV 465JM and *United States and The State of Indiana v. USX Corporation*, Civil Action No. 2:98CV 464RL, D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-3111A and 90-5-1-1-3111/1.

The Consent Decrees may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, 1001 Main Street, Suite A, Dyer, Indiana 46311; at the Environmental Protection Agency Library, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, 202-624-0892. Copies of the Consent Decrees may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting copies, please enclose a check payable to the Consent Decree Library, for the 25 cent per page reproduction costs, in the amount of: \$42.25 for the CWA Action Consent

Decree; \$24.50 for the NRD Action Consent Decree; or \$66.75 for both.

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National Institute of Justice

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Announcement of the Availability of the National Institute of Justice "Solicitation for the Forensic DNA Laboratory Improvement Program, Phase 4"

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's "Solicitation for the Forensic DNA Laboratory Improvement Program, Phase 4."

DATES: The deadline for receipt of proposals is close of business on December 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: National Institute of Justice, 810 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard M. Rau, National Institute of Justice, at (202) 307-0648. 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: The following supplementary information is provided:

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

The purpose of this solicitation is to provide funding to State and local governments to develop or improve the capability to analyze deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) in State and local forensic laboratories. This program is authorized by the DNA Identification Act of 1994 (the Act) (Public Law 103-322).

This solicitation is for the fourth year of the 5-year grant program authorized by the Act.