

proposed consent decree in *United States v. Hercules Incorporated*, Civil Action No. LRC99-022, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Western Division. The proposed Consent Decree resolves the liability of the Settling Defendant under Sections 107 of CERCLA at the Vertac Superfund Site ("Site") located in Jacksonville, Arkansas. Under the terms of the Consent Decree, the Settling Defendant has agreed to pay \$1.0 million for compensation for injury to natural resources. This sum will be used for implementation of restoration projects and payment of the Department of Interior's assessment costs.

For a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, the Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed consent decree from persons who are not parties to the action. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Hercules Incorporated*, DOJ #90-7-18F.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the offices of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Western Division, 425 W. Capital, 5th Floor, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, and at the office of the United States Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Southeast Regional Office, Richard B. Russell Federal Building, 75 Spring St., S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (Attention: Holly Deal, Attorney-Advisor). A copy of the consent decree may also be examined at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. Copies of the decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library. Such requests should be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$6.50 (25 cents per page reproduction charge for decree, with attachment) payable to "Consent Decree Library". When requesting copies, please refer to *United States v. Hercules Incorporated*, DOJ #90-7-1-18F.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in the action entitled *United States v. Tansitor Electronics, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 2:99-CV-14, was lodged on January 11, 1999, with the United States District Court for the District of Vermont. The proposed consent decree resolves the claims of the United States in a complaint filed against Tansitor Electronics, Inc. ("Tansitor") and Siemens Communication Systems, Inc. ("Siemens") (the "Settling Defendants"), pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607. In the complaint, which was filed with the proposed decree, the United States seeks (1) recovery of past unreimbursed response costs incurred by the United States at the Tansitor Electronics, Inc. Superfund Site ("Site"), located in Bennington, Vermont, (2) recovery for injury to natural resources at the Site, and (3) an order requiring Settling Defendants to implement the remedy selected for the Site by EPA in a Record of Decision dated September 29, 1995 ("ROD"). The Settling Defendants are current and former owners and operators of the Site. Pursuant to the proposed settlement, the Settling Defendants have agreed to (1) Reimburse the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund in the amount of \$300,000, (2) pay the United State's future oversight costs in connection with the Site in excess of \$40,000, (3) pay \$21,000 to the Department of the Interior with respect to damages to natural resources at the Site, and (4) implement the remedy for the Site selected by EPA in the ROD, which includes the filing of a restrictive easement, long-term groundwater monitoring, and the implementation of further studies of certain contingencies occur.

The State of Vermont is also a party to the settlement. The Settling Defendants have agreed to reimburse Vermont for all future oversight costs in excess of \$10,000.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed decree. Any comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney

General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Tansitor Electronics, Inc.*, DOJ Ref. Number 90-11-3-737A.

The proposed consent decree may be examined in EPA Region 1 (contact Audrey Zucker, 617-918-1788); and the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 614-0892. 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., 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20005. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$91.50 (25 cents per page reproduction costs) for the decree with all appendices, or in the amount of \$37.25 for the decree without Appendix A, which is the ROD, payable to the Consent Library.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired; National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Federal Firearms Licensee Enrollment Form.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Emergency review and approval of this collection has been requested from OMB by February 5, 1999. If granted, this emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.