

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Notice of Lodging of the Consent Decree Under the Clean Water Act as Amended by the Oil Pollution Act**

Under 28 CFR 50.7 notice is hereby given that on September 28, 1999, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States and State of Louisiana v. Equilon Pipeline Company LLC*, Civil Action No. 99-2961, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

In this action the United States on behalf of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, the Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Coast Guard; and the State of Louisiana on behalf of the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Department of Natural Resources, sought recovery of natural resource damages, removal costs, and other expenses arising out of the May 16, 1997, discharge of oil from a pipeline located in Lake Barre, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. The proposed Consent Decree provides that Equilon Pipeline Company LLC, successor corporation to Texaco Pipeline Inc. by way of merger, will perform a restoration project consisting of planting marsh grasses on East Timbalier Island and will pay state response costs and past state and federal assessment costs amounting to approximately \$480,000. Equilon also will pay future assessment and restoration costs to the state and federal agencies.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States and the State of Louisiana v. Equilon Pipeline Company LLC*, D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-06628.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 501 Magazine Street, Suite 210, New Orleans, Louisiana and at the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, 625 North 4th Street, Suite 800, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$42.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library. In

requesting a copy exclusive of exhibits, i.e., without the: (1) Final Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan, (2) Grant of Particular Use for Construction, and (3) Monitoring Plan, please enclose check in the amount of \$17.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Water Act, Oil Pollution Act, and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act**

Notice is hereby given that on September 27, 1999, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Pearl Shipping Company, et al.*, Civil Action No. 994359SBA was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

In this action, the United States sought Civil penalties, response costs, and natural resource damages for discharges of oil from the tanker vessel M/T Command into the San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. The M/T Command is owned by defendant Pearl Shipping Company and operated by defendant Anax International Agencies, Inc. The State of California is also a co-plaintiff with the United States and has brought claims for civil penalties, natural resource damages, response costs, and other damages. The Consent Decree resolves the claims of the United States and the State of California. Under the Decree, the defendants will pay \$4.05 million in natural resource damages, including damage assessment costs, under the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321, the Oil Pollution Act, 33 U.S.C. 2702, 2706, and National Marine Sanctuaries Act, 16 U.S.C. 1443; \$196,200 in civil penalties for violations of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, 16 U.S.C. 1437; \$1,181,800 in civil penalties, response costs, and other damages to the State of California; and \$90,000 to the County of San Mateo to settle claims of the County. The Consent Decree also includes a fleet-wide Corporate Compliance Program to be implemented by the defendants to prevent future spills.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the

Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Pearl Shipping Company, et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-1-1-06455.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Northern District of California, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 11th Floor, San Francisco, California 94102, (415) 436-7200, and at the Consent Decree Library, 1425 New York Avenue, 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 514-1547. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$7.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Notice of Lodging of Second Amendment to Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act**

Notice is hereby given that a proposed Second Amendment to the Consent Decree in *United States of America and the State of New Hampshire v. City of Somersworth, et al.*, Civil No. C-96-46-SD (D.N.H.), was lodge with the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire on September 29, 1999. The proposed Second Amendment concerns alleged liability of the United States and State of New Hampshire, based on actions by the New Hampshire National Guard, pursuant to sections 107 and 113 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607, 9613, regarding response actions by the City of Somersworth and the General Electric Company at the Somersworth Sanitary Landfill Superfund Site ("Site") in Somersworth, New Hampshire.

The proposed Second Amendment to the Consent Decree would resolve any potential liability which the New Hampshire National Guard may have at the Site which may be attributable to the United States by requiring the United States to pay \$2,340.30 to the EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund and \$13,261.70 to the City of Somersworth

and the General Electric Company in reimbursement for past and future response costs at the Site. The State of New Hampshire will make identical payments to resolve any potential liability which the New Hampshire National Guard may have at the Site which may be attributable to the State.

The U.S. Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed Second Amendment to the Consent Decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Harry M. Hughes, Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Defense Section, P.O. Box 23986, Washington, D.C. 20026-3986 and should refer to *United States of America and the State of New Hampshire v. City of Somersworth, et al.*, Civil No. C-96-46-SD (D.N.H.), DJ# 90-11-6-05509.

The proposed Second Amendment to the Consent Decree may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire, 55 Pleasant Street, room 110 Concord, New Hampshire 03301-3941 and at the Region I office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1 Congress Street, suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114. A copy of the proposed consent decree may also be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check (there is a 25 cent per page reproduction cost) in the amount of \$6.25 payable to the "Consent Decree Library."

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Antitrust Division**

**Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—General Motors and Toyota Joint Research and Development Project**

Notice is hereby given that, on May 3, 1999, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), General Motors and Toyota Joint Research and Development Project has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing: (1) The

identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are General Motors Corporation, Detroit, MI; and Toyota Motor Corporation, Toyota, JAPAN. The nature and objectives of the venture are to cooperate on research and development related to certain advanced vehicle technology to permit them to respond effectively and promptly to customer and regulatory requirements. The goals of the joint venture are to: Develop advanced vehicle technology superior to those which either company could do alone, including electric, hybrid electric and fuel cell vehicles or their components and systems; reduce development time for such new technology vehicles and components; increase industry responsiveness to customer needs and regulatory requirements for more efficient, cleaner vehicles; accelerate necessary changes in infrastructure to support advanced technology vehicles; provide regulators, globally, with timely, consistent information and advice about advanced vehicle technology; and promote early standardization where needed to provide global customers with the desired interchangeability for advanced vehicles and components.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Antitrust Division**

**Notice Pursuant to The National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Multiservice Switching Forum**

Notice is hereby given that, on April 20, 1999, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Multiservice Switching Forum has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Bosch

Telecommunications, Stuttgart, GERMANY; Data Connection Ltd., Enfield, UNITED KINGDOM; IBM, Armonk NY; Marconi Communications, New Century Park, Coventry, UNITED KINGDOM; Mariner Networks Inc., Anaheim, CA; Mitel, Kanata, Ontario, CANADA; Motorola, Mansfield, MA; NET, Fremont, CA; Net Insight, Stockholm, SWEDEN; Nokia Telecommunications, Helsinki, FINLAND; NTT Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN; Oresis Communications, Beaverton, OR; Samsung Telecom, Seoul, KOREA; Telefonic de Espana, Madrid, SPAIN; Tellabs, Lisle, IL; Trillium, Los Angeles, CA; and Xbind, New York, NY have been added as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and Multiservice Switching Forum intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On January 22, 1999, Multiservice Switching Forum filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on May 26, 1999 (64 FR 28519).

**Constance K. Robinson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Antitrust Division**

**Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—National Industrial Information Infrastructure Protocols Solutions for Manufacturing—Adaptable Replicable Technology**

Notice is hereby given that, on April 27, 1999, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), National Industrial Information Infrastructure Protocols Solutions for Manufacturing—Adaptable Replicable Technology (NIIP-SMART) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Schneider Automation