

determine the medical necessity of the item or service. The information needed to make this determination requires application of medical judgement that can only be provided by a physician or other clinician who is familiar with the condition of the beneficiary;

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, and Federal Government;

Number of Respondents: 140,000;

Total Annual Responses: 6.8 million;

Total Annual Hours: 1.13 to 1.7

million.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address:

HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards
Attention: Dawn Willingham, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: January 16, 2000

John Parmigiani,

Manager,

HCFA Office of Information Services Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

[FR Doc. 00-1978 Filed 1-26-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4120-03-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[Document Identifier: HCFA-R-96]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any

other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection

Request: Extension of a currently approved collection;

Title of Information Collection:

Emergency and Foreign Hospital Services—Beneficiary Statement in Canadian Travel Claims and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR, Section 424.123;

Form No.: HCFA-R-0096 (OMB# 0938-0484);

Use: Payment may be made for certain Part A inpatient hospital services and Part B outpatient hospital services provided in a nonparticipating U.S. or foreign hospital when services are necessary to prevent the death or serious impairment of the health of the individual. In these situations, the threat to the life or health of the individual necessitates the use of the most accessible hospital available and equipped to furnish such services. Section 3698.4, requires a beneficiary statement indication that after a medical emergency occurred, the beneficiary was traveling between Alaska and another State through Canada by the most direct route without unreasonable delay to acquire medical care;

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Individuals or Households;

Number of Respondents: 1,100;

Total Annual Responses: 1,100;

Total Annual Hours: 275.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's WEB SITE ADDRESS at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: January 3, 2000.

John Parmigiani,

Manager, HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

[FR Doc. 00-1979 Filed 1-26-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4120-03-P

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

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *In re: Cuyahoga Equipment Corporation, et al.*, Case Nos. 86-12206, *et al.* (PCB) (Jointly Administered) (Bkcy. S.D.N.Y.), was lodged on January 11, 2000, with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. The proposed consent decree would settle a claim asserted in this Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding by the United States on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") for reimbursement of post-petition administrative expenses in the nature of environmental response costs incurred with respect to the Publicker Industries, Inc. Superfund Site in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (the "Publicker Site"). The United States, on behalf of EPA, alleged in a separate federal court action that Cuyahoga Wrecking Corporation and Overland Corporation, two of the debtors involved in the bankruptcy proceeding, were liable as owners and/or operators of the Publicker Site under Section 107(a)(1) and (2) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a)(1), (2) for, *inter alia*, reimbursement of the United States' response costs incurred in connection with the Publicker Site. *United States and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Publicker Industries, Inc., et al.*, Civ. No. 90-7984 (E.D. Pa.). Through that litigation and other cost recovery efforts, the United States previously recovered and expects to recover \$16.85 million of the \$21.4 million in costs it incurred at the Site, leaving unreimbursed costs, exclusive of prejudgment interest, of approximately \$4.55 million.

Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, the United States will recover from the Chapter 11 bankruptcy trustee for the debtors' estate the sum of \$1 million, to be paid to the EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund.

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 Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *In re: Cuyahoga Equipment Corporation, et al.*, DOJ Ref. No. 90-11-3-442. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6973(d).

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, 100 Church Street, 19th Floor, New York, New York 10007; the Region III Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, located at 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. A copy of the proposed consent order may also be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$5.25 (25 cents per page reproduction costs) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel Gross,

*Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,
Environment and Natural Resources Division.*

[FR Doc. 00-1880 Filed 1-26-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4410-15-M

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

In accordance with Department policy, 28 C.F.C. § 50.7, 38 Fed. Reg. 19029, and 42 U.S.C. § 9622(d), on October 26 1999 (64 Fed. Reg. 576), notice was given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. General Electric Company*, Civil Action No. 99-30225-MAP, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. The proposed consent decree resolves certain claims against General Electric Company ("GE") under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607; Section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6973; and Section 309 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C.

§ 1319, regarding the disposal, release and/or threat of release of hazardous substances and/or wastes from the GE facility in Pittsfield, Massachusetts and related areas.

Pursuant to requests from interested persons, the Department of Justice extended the period for comments relating to the proposed consent decree to January 25, 2000. 64 Fed. Reg. 68374 (December 7, 1999). The Department of Justice is extending the comment period on final time to and including February 23, 2000. 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. General Electric Company*, Civil Action No. 99-30225-MAP, D.J. Ref. 90-11-3-1479, and 90-11-3-1479z.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at either of the following locations: (1) The Springfield Office of the United States Attorney, District of Massachusetts, 1550 Main Street, Suite 310, Springfield, Massachusetts, 01103; or (2) Region I, Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, One Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02203. A copy of the consent decree can be obtained by mail (without attachments) from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044. In requesting a copy of the consent decree (without attachments), please enclose a check in the amount of \$102.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel Gross,

*Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,
Environment and Natural Resources Division.*

[FR Doc. 00-1878 Filed 1-26-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4410-15-M

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with Department policy, 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Koch Industries, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. H 95-1118 (S.D. Tx.), and *United States v. Koch Industries, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 97 CV 687 B(E) (N.D.Ok.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas on January 13, 2000. The proposed Consent Decree settles the civil claims of the United States on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and United States Coast Guard, and the State of Texas, against Koch Industries,

Inc. and a number of subsidiaries ("Koch"), in both of these actions.

In these actions, the United States alleged that, on numerous occasions, Koch violated Section 311(b) and (c) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b) and (d), through the discharge of oil and related petroleum products in numerous spills from Koch oil and refined petroleum product pipelines and related pipeline facilities. The State of Texas intervened as co-plaintiff against Koch in both actions.

The proposed Consent Decree requires Koch Industries Inc. to pay \$30,000,000 million in civil penalties, \$15 million to the United States and \$15 million to the State of Texas. The proposed Consent Decree also requires Koch to perform injunctive relief consisting of enhancements to its leak prevention programs on pipelines that are still operated by Koch. Koch will also expend at least \$5 million to perform a number of environmental projects under the proposed Consent Decree in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas, the States most affected by the subject discharges. These environmental projects include: a pipeline safety study; acquisition and preservation of wildlife habitat; other wetlands and water quality enhancement projects; and an emergency planning and response project.

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, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Koch Industries, Inc. et al.*, D.J. Ref. #90-5-1-1-4109.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the following offices: United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Texas, 910 Travis, Suite 1500, Houston, Texas 770208; United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Oklahoma, 3900 U.S. Courthouse, 333 W. 4th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103; United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 750202-2733; United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. A copy of the Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044. In requesting a complete copy with all Attachments, please enclose a check in the amount of \$11.75 (25 cents per page reproduction