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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 Department of Justice policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in the action entitled *United States of America v. Raymark Industries, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:97CV00035 (D. Conn.), was lodged on February 18, 2000 with the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. The proposed consent decree resolves potential claims of the United States, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601-9675, against third-party defendant the Town of Stratford, Connecticut. These potential claims are for recovery of costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States with respect to certain municipal properties included within the Raymark Industries, Inc. Superfund Site ("Site") in Stratford, Connecticut.

Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, the Town of Stratford will (1) Pay the United States \$487,832 in partial reimbursement of past and future federal response costs with respect to the Site; (2) Provide EPA with continuing access to Town properties that are part of the Site; and (3) Establish a public registry of those municipal and residential properties within the Town of Stratford that contain residual hazardous waste which was not removed during response

actions by EPA or the State of Connecticut at these properties.

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, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Raymark Industries, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:97CV00035 (D. Conn.), DOJ Ref. No. 90-7-1-545E.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the offices of EPA Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023, and the Office of the United States Attorney, 915 Lafayette Blvd., Bridgeport, CT 06604. A copy may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy by mail, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$5.75 (25 cents per page reproduction costs for the Decree and Appendix) made payable to Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Emergency Review; Comment Request

March 1, 2000.

The Department of Labor has submitted the following (see below) public information collection request (ICR), utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). OMB approval has been requested March 24, 2000. A copy of the ICR with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Department of Labor, Departmental Clearance Officer, Ira Mills at (202) 219-5096, ext. 143, or by E-mail at Mills-Ira@dol.gov. The proposed Application for EFAST Electronic Signature and Codes for EFAST Transmitters and Software Developers (Form EFAST-1), the subject

of this ICR, is available for viewing and downloading through the Department of Labor's Internet site (<http://www.efast.dol.gov>).

Comments and questions about the ICR listed below should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Desk Officer for Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316) within 10 days of the date of this publication in **Federal Register**. After that date and through May 8, 2000, further comments may be submitted to Gerald B. Lindrew, Office of Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5647, Washington, DC 20210, in response to its separate Notice and request for comments also published in today's **Federal Register**.

OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Title: Application for EFAST Electronic Signature and Codes for EFAST Transmitters and Software Developers.

OMB Number: 1210-ONEW.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Total Responses: 60,250.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 20,100.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: \$22,900.

Description: Under part 1 of Title 1 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), Title IV of ERISA, and the Internal Revenue

Code of 1986, as amended, administrators of pension and welfare benefit plans (collectively, employee benefit plans) subject to those provisions and employers sponsoring certain fringe benefit plans and other plans of deferred compensation are required to file returns/reports annually concerning the financial condition and operations of the plans. These reporting requirements are satisfied generally by filing the Form 5500 Series in accordance with its instructions and the related regulations.

In August of 1998, the Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (collectively, the Agencies) received approval for the revised and streamlined Form 5500 Series, subject to the Agencies' solicitation of public comments on a computer scannable format for the Form 5500. A notice requesting comments from the public on computer scannable formats was published by the Agencies on June 28, 1999 (64 FR 34686). The final computer scannable "hand print" and "machine-print" formats for the Form 5500 were announced on February 2, 2000 in connection with the Agencies' Notice of Adoption of Revised Forms (65 FR 5026).

The computer scannable formats were developed to facilitate the implementation of the new computerized system to process the Form 5500 and IRS Form 5500-EZ—the ERISA Filing and Acceptance System, or EFAST. EFAST is designed to simplify and expedite the receipt and processing of the new Form 5500 and Form 5500-EZ by relying on computer scannable forms and electronic filing technologies. The computer scannable forms are being implemented for 1999 plan year filings. The Form 5500 and Form 5500-EZ for 1999 plan years also may be filed electronically via modem, magnetic tape, floppy diskette, or CD-ROM.

In order to participate in the electronic filing program, applicants will be required to submit an Application for EFAST Electronic Signature and Codes for EFAST Transmitters and Software Developers (Form EFAST-1), the subject of this ICR. The Internal Revenue Service currently uses forms for similar purposes. This new EFAST form was designed to meet the needs of the new processing system.

Applicants who may file the Form EFAST-1 include: (1) Individuals applying for an electronic signature to sign a Form 5500 or 5500-EZ as, or on behalf of, plan administrators,

employers/plan sponsors, or Direct Filing Entities (DFEs) using modem, magnetic tape, floppy diskette, or CD-ROM to file electronically; (2) transmitters (a company, trade, business, or other person) applying for codes to transmit Forms 5500 and/or Forms 5500-EZ for electronic filing using modem, magnetic tape, floppy diskette, or CD-ROM; and, (3) software developers (a company, trade, business, or other person that creates, programs, or otherwise modifies computer software) applying for codes required to develop EFAST-compliant computer software for electronically preparing and filing the Form 5500 and/or Form 5500-EZ. Applicants will provide some or all of the following information depending on applicant type: name and title of applicant, mailing address, Employer Identification Number (EIN), telephone number, facsimile number and e-mail address (optional), contact person if different than applicant, and a signed agreement concerning the terms and conditions of the electronic filing program. Applicants will receive, depending on applicant type, some or all of the following: electronic signature; filer identification number; personal identification number; encryption key; electronic filing identification number; password; and software developer ID. Applicants will use these codes, as applicable, in connection with electronic filing, electronic transmission, or developing EFAST software for the Form 5500 and 5500-EZ.

The information provided by the applicants on EFAST-1, combined with the codes supplied to the applicants by the program, will allow EFAST to verify a filer, transmitter or software developer's standing as a qualified participant in the EFAST electronic filing program for the Form 5500 and 5500-EZ. EFAST-1 information also will establish a means of contact between the EFAST program and filers, transmitters, and software developers for information exchange.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the date and location of the next meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH), established under section 7(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 656) to advise the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the administration of the Act. NACOSH will hold a meeting on April 12 and 13, 2000, in Room N 3437 A-D of the Department of Labor Building located at 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 9 am lasting until approximately 4:30 p.m. the first day, April 12. On April 13, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last no later than 4:00 p.m. However, if work is completed earlier on the draft report the committee will be working on, the meeting may end sooner.

During its November 1998 meeting, NACOSH decided that one of its areas of activity over the next two years would be to study OSHA's standards development process. The Committee has now completed its study after holding panel discussions during the last four meetings involving internal staff and members of the public who were involved with the OSHA standards setting process. This included people who had been involved with the development of the methylene chloride standard; those who had served on two types of advisory committees; representatives of consensus standards setting organizations and other professional associations; and representatives of other Federal regulatory agencies. During its April 12-13 meeting, the committee will be going over its draft report and recommendations in full detail. It is difficult to estimate how long this will take, but the first afternoon and all of the second day have been dedicated to this process.

Other agenda items will include an overview of current activities of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) which will be scheduled for the first morning, April 12.