Overview

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has been charged with the implementation of the Public Safety Partnerships and Community Policing Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 3976dd). Under this law, the COPS Office provides grants, cooperative agreements, and technical assistance to increase police presence, improve police and community partnerships designed to address crime and disorder, and enhance public safety. The VFP, which complements the COPS Office’s efforts to add 100,000 officers to our nation’s streets and support innovative community policing, is one of a wide variety of policing programs supported under this law.

The VFP is intended to offer researchers, policing professionals, community leaders, and policy analysts an opportunity to undertake independent research, problem development activities, and policy analysis designed to advance community policing in a variety of ways.

Two types of fellowships are available: Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships and Program/Policy Support and Evaluation (PPSE) Fellowships.

Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships will offer police practitioners and community leaders the opportunity to participate in a community policing training program that is national in scope. Fellows will work to broaden their knowledge of a training area that is directly related to community policing. The experience is intended to encourage the further development, enhancement, or renewed exploration of a particular training expertise that supports community policing. Fellows will deliver this expertise innovatively as well as provide technical assistance to others. Under Community Policing Training and Technical Assistance Fellowships, Fellows may pursue initiatives designed to: (1) Improve police-citizen cooperation and communication; (2) enhance police relationships within the criminal justice system, as well as at all levels of local governments; (3) increase police and citizens’ ability to innovatively solve community problems; (4) facilitate the restructuring of agencies to allow the fullest use of departmental and community resources; (5) promote the effective flow and use of information both within and outside of an agency; and/or (6) improve law enforcement responsiveness to members of the community.

PPSE Fellowships will offer police practitioners, researchers, and policy analysts the opportunity to support innovative community policing programs, to engage in activities to assess the effectiveness of community policing approaches, and to apply policy analysis skills to support the advancement of community policing nationwide. The experience is intended to encourage the further development, enhancement, or renewed exploration of program, policy, and evaluation issues that support community policing. This work will be shared with policy makers and practitioners through a variety of forums. Under PPSE Fellowships, Fellows may pursue a wide variety of initiatives. Topic areas of particular interest to the PPSE Division include, but are not limited to, the following goals: (1) Improve the ability of policing agencies and community organizations to collect different types of information that will aid in collaborative problem solving efforts; (2) enhance current knowledge of how policing agencies evolve while implementing community policing; (3) enhance current knowledge about how various policing agencies utilize information technology to support crime reduction and community policing efforts; and/or (4) enhance current knowledge of or improve the ability of policing agencies to implement community policing and problem solving in other ways.

Visiting Fellows will study a topic of mutual interest to the Fellow and the COPS Office for up to 12 months. Residency in Washington, DC, is not required, but visits to the COPS Office are encouraged.

Grants or cooperative agreements under the VFP may support salary, fringe benefits, travel essential to the project, and miscellaneous supplies or equipment in support of the project. Reasonable costs for research assistants or support staff will also be considered. Reasonable relocation expenses and the cost of temporary housing also may be permitted in cases of relocation from a Fellow’s permanent address.

Under the VFP, the COPS Office may award grants or enter into cooperative agreements with individuals, public agencies, colleges or universities, nonprofit organizations, and profit-making organizations willing to waive their fees.

Receiving a grant or cooperative agreement under the VFP will not affect the eligibility of an agency to receive awards under other COPS programs. The selection process is expected to be highly competitive.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.


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Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that on April 26, 2000, a proposed Consent Decree in United States v. Harvey GRQ, Inc., et al., Civil Action No. 00 C 2505, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

The Consent Decree settles an action brought under section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601, et seq., (“CERCLA”) for the recovery of past costs incurred by the United States in responding to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances at the Harvey GRQ Site, located in the Villages of Harvey and Dixmoor, Illinois. The proposed settlement set forth in the Consent Decree addresses the liability of four defendants in this action, each of which has been named as an owner and/or operator of the Site. Under the terms of the proposed decree, the settling defendants will pay the United States a total of $700,000 in settlement of the United States’ past costs claims against them.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the Consent Decrees. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611, and should refer to United States v. Harvey GRQ Inc., et al., D.J. Ref. 90–11–3–06600.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, 219 S. Dearborn St., 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60604, and at United States Environment Protection Agency Region V, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. 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, DC 20044. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on April 21, 2000, a proposed Consent Decree in United States v. TPI Petroleum, Inc., Diamond Shamrock Refining Co., Diamond Shamrock Refining and Marketing Co., Sigmor Pipeline Co., and TPI Pipeline Corp., Civil Action No. 00–CV–10151–BC (E.D. Mich.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Northern Division.

In this action, the United States sought injunctive relief and penalties against Defendant TPI Petroleum, Inc. ("TPI") for claims arising in connection with TPI’s refinery in Alma, Michigan, under the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.; the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.; and the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq. The United States also sought injunctive relief and penalties from Diamond Shamrock Refining Co., Diamond Shamrock Refining and Marketing Co, Sigmor Pipeline Co., and TPI Pipeline Corp. ("Slotted Guidepole Defendants") under the New Source Performance Standards of the Clean Air Act for Ka and Kb tanks, 40 CFR 60.112a(a)(1)–(2), and 60.112b(a)(1)–(2), and, with respect to the Corpus Christi product terminal owned by Sigmor Pipeline Co., the corollary requirements under the Texas State Implementation Plan, Tex. Admin. Code title 30 § 115.112.

Under the Consent Decree, TPI will submit quarterly reports regarding the status of its shutdown and decommissioning of the Alma Refinery. TPI will also close certain hazardous waste management units pursuant to the requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and will work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to negotiate a corrective action consent order. TPI will perform a $9 million sediment remediation Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") on the Horse Creek and Pine River in Gratiot County, Michigan, and a $900,000 Brownfield SEP in the downtown waterfront area of Alma, Michigan. TPI will pay a cash penalty of $4 million.

Under the Consent Decree, TPI and the Slotted Guidepole Defendants will install controls on tanks that are equipped with guidepoles that have slots in them.

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, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611, and should refer to United States v. TPI Petroleum, Inc., et al., Civil Action No. 00–CV–10151–BC, D.J. No. 90–5–2–1–2199.

The Consent Decree may be examined at: (1) The Office of the United States Attorney, 101 First St., Suite 200, Bay City, Mich., 48706, (2) the Region 5 Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604–3500. A copy of the Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044. In requesting a copy, please refer to the above-referenced case and DOJ Reference Number 90–5–2–1–2199, and enclose a check in the amount of $39.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary; Submission for OMB Emergency Review; Comment Request


The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following information collection request (ICR), utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). OMB approval has been requested by June 23, 2000. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor Departmental Clearance Officer, Ira L. Mills on (202) 219–3095 x 129.

Comments and questions about the ICR listed below should be forwarded to