

\$1000.00 to be paid by Defendant William Johnson.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to this proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Please address comments to Jon M. Lipshultz, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Defense Section, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 23986, Washington, D.C. 20026-3986 and refer to *United States v. Johnson*, DJ # 90-5-1-1-05400/1.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 2300 United States Courthouse, One Courthouse Way, Boston, MA 02210-3002.

Letitia J. Grishaw,

*Chief, Environmental Defense Section,
Environment & Natural Resources Division.*

[FR Doc. 00-14618 Filed 6-8-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4410-15-M

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Application by the Denver Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post for Approval of a Joint Newspaper Operating Arrangement

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of public's right to comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Attorney General has received an application for approval of a joint newspaper operating arrangement involving two daily newspapers in Denver, Colorado. The application was filed on May 12, 2000 by The E.W. Scripps Company, whose subsidiary, the Denver Publishing Company, publishes the Denver Rocky Mountain News, and the MediaNews Group, Inc., whose subsidiary, the Denver Post Corporation, publishes The Denver Post. The proposed arrangement provides that the printing and commercial operations of both newspapers would be handled by a third entity, the "Agency" which will be owned by the parties in equal shares. The joint operating agreement provides for the complete independence of the news and editorial departments of the two newspapers.

The Newspaper Preservation Act, 15 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, requires that joint newspaper operating arrangements such as that proposed by the Denver newspapers have the prior written consent of the Attorney General of the United States in order to qualify for the antitrust exemption provided by the Act. Before granting her consent, the

Attorney General must find that one of the publications is a failing newspaper and that approval of the arrangement would effectuate the policy and purpose of the Act. Any person with views about the proposed arrangement may file written comments stating the reasons why approval should or should not be granted, or requesting that a hearing be held on the application. A request for hearing must set forth the issues of fact to be determined and the reason that a hearing is believed necessary to determine them.

All correspondence to the Department of Justice, the Attorney General and other Senior Department Officials commenting on the proposed JOA will be placed in the public file and made available as described below.

DATES AND PLACE FOR FILING: Comments shall be filed by mailing or delivering five copies to the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and must be received by July 10, 2000. Replies to any comments filed on or before that date may be filed on or before August 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: In accordance with the Newspaper Preservation Act Regulations, at 28 CFR Part 48, copies of the proposed arrangement and other materials filed by the newspapers in support of the application are available for public inspection in the main offices of the newspapers involved. In addition, these materials plus any filed comments are available for public inspection in the Department of Justice, National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1220, Washington, DC 20530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart Frisch, General Counsel, Justice Management Division, 202-514-3452.

Dated: June 6, 2000.

Stephen R. Colgate,

*Assistant Attorney General for
Administration.*

[FR Doc. 00-14692 Filed 6-8-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4410-AR-M

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging Proposed Consent Decree

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28, CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Dyer*, Civil Action No. 00CV11013 (D. Mass.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts on May 23, 2000. This proposed Consent Decree

concerns a complaint filed by the United States against Bruce S. Dyer and the Holly Farms Nominee Trust, pursuant to section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), to obtain injunctive relief from, and impose civil penalties against the Defendants for the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the United States at portions of an approximately 107 acre parcel of land located at 36 Holly Lane in Bridgewater, Massachusetts where a cranberry farm now exists.

The proposed Consent Decree prohibits the discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States without authorization by the United States Department of the Army Corps of Engineers and requires Defendants, at their own expense and at the direction of EPA, to restore and/or mitigate the damages caused by their unlawful activities. This proposed Consent Decree further requires Defendants to pay civil penalties to the United States as follows: two thousand dollars (\$2,000) within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of this Consent Decree; three thousand dollars (\$3,000) at the one year anniversary of the date of entry; three thousand dollars (\$3,000) at the two year anniversary of the date of entry; and four thousand dollars (\$4,000) at the four year anniversary of the date of entry.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to this proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Please address comments to Jon M. Lipshultz, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Defense Section, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 23986, Washington, D.C. 20026-3986 and refer to *United States v. Dyer*, DJ # 909-5-1-1-05400/1.

The proposed Consent decree may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 2300 United States Courthouse, One Courthouse Way, Boston, MA 02210-3002.

Letitia J. Grishaw,

*Chief, Environmental Defense Section,
Environment & Natural Resources Division.*

[FR Doc. 00-14617 Filed 6-8-00; 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 of Justice policy codified at 28 CFR 50.7

and Section 122 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622, notice is hereby given that on May 26, 2000, two proposed Consent Decrees in *United States v. Elsa Morgan-Skinner, et al.*, Civ. Action No. C-1-00-424, were lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. The first Consent Decree represents a settlement of claims of the United States for recovery of response costs incurred by the United States in connection with the Skinner Landfill Superfund Site (Site) in West Chester, Ohio, under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), against Elsa Morgan-Skinner and seventy-two (72) other potentially responsible parties (PRPs) that contributed hazardous substances to the Site. Under the terms of the Consent Decree (the Remedial Action or "RA Consent Decree"), the Settling Generator/Transporter Defendants, including approximately sixty-six (66) companies, (Work Parties) will implement an EPA-approved remedial action which includes, among other things, the construction of a cap over a former dump and buried waste lagoon area; and the interception, capture and treatment of contaminated groundwater located down-gradient from the capped area. The Settling Owner/Operator Defendant Elsas Morgan-Skinner, the current Site owner, agrees to grant access to and restrictive use covenants on the Site, and resolve her liability by selling an option to purchase the Site for \$5,000 to the Work Parties. A portion of the proceeds of any such sale will be deposited into an account known as the Skinner Landfill Special Account. Two Settling Federal Agencies, the General Services Administration and the Defense Logistics Agency, will pay \$602,599.12 into the Skinner Landfill Special Account. Finally, the Settling *De Minimis* Federal Agencies, including the United States Army, United States Air Force, United States Information Agency and the United States Postal Service, each of which contributed less than 1% of the total volume of waste at the Site, will pay \$87,804.29 into the Skinner Landfill Special Account. Eighty percent of the funds in the Special Account will be available for disbursement to the Work Parties for their remediation work. In exchange for these payments and performance of the remedial action, each of the Settling Defendants under the RA Consent Decree will receive covenants not to sue and contribution protection.

The second Consent Decree resolves the United States' claims for recovery of

response costs incurred at the Site against seven municipalities, including the Cities of Blue Ash, Deer Park, Madiera, Mason, Sharonville and the Villages of Lincoln Heights and Monroe, each of which contributed municipal solid waste (MSW) to the Site. Under the terms of this Consent Decree (known as the "MSW Consent Decree") the Settling Municipalities will pay a total of \$17,218 into the Skinner Special Account. These funds will be made available to the Work Parties for their remediation work. In exchange for this payment, each of the Settling Municipalities will receive a covenant not to sue and contribution protection.

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 Decrees. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Elsa Morgan-Skinner et al.* Civ. Action No. C-1-00-424, D.F. Ref. Nos. 90-11-3-1620, 90-11-6-118, 90-11-6-128.

The Consent Decrees may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 220 United States Post Office & Courthouse, 100 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202, and at the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590. A copy of the Consent Decrees may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy of the Consent Decree, please enclose a check payable to the Consent Decree Library in amount of \$65.50 for both Consent Decrees; or \$60.00 (240 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction cost) for the RA Consent Decree; or \$5.50 (22 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction cost) for the MSW Consent Decree.

Joel M. Gross,
Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,
Environmental & Natural Resources Division.
[FR Doc. 00-14624 Filed 6-8-00; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4410-15-M

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that on May 23, 2000, a proposed Consent Decree in

United States v. Riverside Plating Company, Inc. et al., Civil Action No. 00-C-0320 was lodged with the United States District court for the Western District of Wisconsin.

This consent decree represents a settlement of claims brought against Riverside Plating Company, Inc. ("Riverside Plating") and Richard J. Bouziane under Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607, for the recovery of costs incurred by the United States in responding to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at and from the Riverside Plating Superfund Site in Janesville, Wisconsin. John C. Bouziane, Michael J. Bouziane, Bouziane Enterprises, Bouziane Plating, the Ruth Bouziane Trust, the Bouziane Family Trust and the Estate of Ruth Bouziane are also parties to the consent decree.

Under the proposed settlement, Riverside Plating and Richard Bouziane will, *inter alia*, pay the United States \$50,000 in partial reimbursement of response costs incurred by the United States in connection with the Riverside Plating Superfund Site.

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, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Riverside Plating Company, Inc. et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-2-06129/2.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 660 West Washington Ave., Suite 200, Madison, Wisconsin, and at U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$7.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel M. Gross,
Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,
Environment and Natural Resources Division.
[FR Doc. 00-14623 Filed 6-8-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4410-15-M