

will be held at the following times and locations:

- August 3, Meeting Room 1 on Level 3, Terminal 4, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, Phoenix, Arizona, 7 p.m.
- August 8, Big Bear Room, Doubletree Hotel, 222 N. Vineyard Ave., Ontario, CA, 7 p.m.
- August 10, Jazz Room, Salt Lake City International Airport, 765 Terminal Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah, 7 p.m.
- August 15, Comfort Dental Conference Room, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, 3720 Howard Hughes Parkway, Las Vegas, NV, 7 p.m.

In addition to the public hearings, a separate hydrologic modeling meeting will be held on the same day as the public hearing in Las Vegas, NV. Reclamation will provide detailed assumptions and respond to questions regarding the model runs, use schedules, and post-processing analysis that was completed for this DEIS. The time and location for this technical meeting is as follows:

- August 15, Comfort Dental Conference Room, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, 3720 Howard Hughes Parkway, Las Vegas, NV, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The hearings and the hydrologic modeling meeting will accommodate those with hearing impairments or other special requirements upon request by calling Janet Steele at (702) 293-8551 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

The DEIS is available for viewing on the Internet at <http://www.lc.usbr.gov> and <http://www.uc.usbr.gov>. Copies of the DEIS, in the form of a printed document or on compact disk, are available upon written request to the following address: Ms. Janet Steele, Attention BCOO-4601, PO Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470, Telephone: (702) 293-8785, or by fax at (702) 293-8042.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for a list of libraries where the DEIS is available for public inspection and review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, contact Ms. Jayne Harkins at the above address or telephone Ms. Harkins at (702) 293-8785.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) currently manages the lower Colorado River system in accordance with federal law (including the provisions of the 1964 U.S. Supreme Court decree, as supplemented, in *Arizona v. California* (the Decree)), the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968 (CRBPA) and Long

Range Operating Criteria (LROC) pursuant to the CRBPA. Within this legal framework, the Secretary makes annual determinations regarding the availability of surplus water from Lake Mead by considering various factors, including the amount of water in storage and predictions for natural runoff. The Decree provides that if there exists sufficient water available in a single year for release from Lake Mead to satisfy annual consumptive use in the states of Arizona, California, and Nevada in excess of 7.5 million-acre feet, such water may be determined by the Secretary to be made available as surplus water.

The purpose of and need for establishing interim surplus criteria is to assist the Secretary in making annual determinations of surplus conditions, and will afford entities that have contracted for surplus water a greater degree of predictability with respect to the annual existence of surplus water available for diversion. This greater predictability would assist these entities in the management of their water resources.

The DEIS presents four possible alternatives for implementation, plus a "No Action Alternative." The DEIS does not include a preferred alternative. The interim surplus criteria alternatives have been formulated to be consistent with applicable federal law and the LROC, described above.

The four potential action alternatives are: a "Flood Control Alternative," which would provide surplus water only when flood control releases from Lake Mead are needed, based on the current criteria for making such releases; the "Six States Alternative" and "California Alternative," both of which specify various Lake Mead water surface elevations to be used as "triggers" to indicate when surplus conditions exist; and the "Shortage Protection Alternative," which would permit surplus conditions to be determined above a specific elevation positioned to ensure enough water remains in Lake Mead to provide a one-year water supply to Arizona, California, Nevada, and Mexico, and to protect against dropping the lake's water level below a specified elevation.

Libraries Where the Draft EIS is Available for Public Inspection and Review:

- Department of the Interior, Natural Resources Library, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.
- Lower Colorado Regional Office, PO Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470.
- Phoenix Area Office, Concorde Commerce Center, 2222 West Dunlap

Ave., Suite 100, Phoenix, Arizona 85069-1169.

- Yuma Area Office, 7301 Calle Aqua Salada, Yuma, Arizona, 85366-7504.
- Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State St., Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1102.
- Boulder City Library, 813 Arizona, Boulder City, NV 89005. Henderson District Public Library, 280 South Water St., Henderson, NV 89015.
- Los Angeles Central Library, 630 W 5th St. Los Angeles, CA 90071.
- San Diego Central Library, 820 E St., San Diego, CA 92101.
- Salt Lake City Public Library, 209 E 500 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84111.
- Albuquerque Public Library, 501 Copper Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.
- Denver Public Library, 10 W 14th Ave. Pkwy, Denver, CO 80204.
- Laramie County Library, 2800 Central Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82001.
- Phoenix Public Library (Burton Barr Central), 1221 N. Central Ave., AZ 85004.
- Government Reference Library, City Hall, 9th Floor, Tucson, AZ 85701.
- Mohave County Library, 1170 Hancock Rd., Bullhead City, AZ 86442.
- San Bernardino County Library, 1111 Bailey Ave., Needles, CA 92363.
- Lake Havasu City Library, 1787 McCulloch Blvd. North, Lake Havasu City, AZ, 86403.
- Parker Public Library, 1001 South Navajo Ave., Parker, AZ 85344.
- Palo Verde Valley Library, 125 W. Chanslor Way, Blythe, CA 92225.
- Yuma County Library, 350 S. 3rd Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364.

Dated: June 30, 2000.

Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Department of the Interior.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731-TA-872-883 (Preliminary)]

Certain Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars From Austria, Belarus, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, and Venezuela

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of antidumping investigations and scheduling of preliminary phase investigations.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of investigations and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigations Nos. 731-TA-872-883 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from Austria, Belarus, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, and Venezuela of certain steel concrete reinforcing bars, provided for in subheading 7214.20.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach preliminary determinations in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by August 14, 2000. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by August 21, 2000.

For further information concerning the conduct of these investigations and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207).

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 28, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Clark (202-205-3195), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—These investigations are being instituted in response to petitions filed on June 28, 2000, by the Rebar Trade Action Coalition (RTAC)

(Washington, DC) and its individual members.¹

Participation in the investigations and public service list.—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigations as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in sections 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Industrial users and (if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level) representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to these investigations upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in these investigations available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigations under the APO issued in the investigations, provided that the application is made not later than seven days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Conference.—The Commission's Director of Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with these investigations for 9:30 a.m. on July 19, 2000, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Jeff Clark (202-205-3195) not later than July 17, 2000, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in these investigations and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has

¹ The members of RTAC are AmeriSteel (Tampa, FL); Auburn Steel Co., Inc. (Auburn, NY); Birmingham Steel Corp. (Birmingham, AL); Border Steel, Inc. (El Paso, TX); Marion Steel Company (Marion, OH); Riverview Steel (Glassport, PA); Nucor Steel (Darlington, SC); and CMC Steel Group (Seguin, TX). Auburn Steel Co., Inc., is not a petitioner with respect to Indonesia and Japan.

testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

Written submissions.—As provided in sections 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before July 24, 2000, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigations. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

Authority: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: July 3, 2000.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Settlement Agreement in Accordance With the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA")

In accordance with Department of Justice Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, 38 Fed. Reg. 19029, and 42 U.S.C. § 9622(d), notice is hereby given that on June 26, 2000, a proposed Settlement Agreement was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in *Mobil Oil Corporation v. United States*, Civil Action No. 99-1467-A. The proposed Settlement Agreement settles all CERCLA contribution claims asserted by Mobil Oil Corporation ("Mobil") against the United States, as well as certain CERCLA claims by the United States against Mobil. These