

located in Moss Point, Jackson County, Mississippi.

This consent decree represents a settlement between the United States, State of Mississippi and Morton. The consent decree requires Morton to: (1) Pay a penalty of \$20 million, with \$10 million being paid to the United States and \$10 million being paid to the State of Mississippi, (2) perform Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) valued at \$16 million, (3) conduct a comprehensive analysis of conditions at the Facility, and (4) perform, if necessary, corrective measures at the Facility. In addition, the consent decree provides for audits to be conducted by a third party or parties at Morton chemical plants acquired by Rohm & Haas in 1999.

The SEPs include a Plant SEP which requires Morton to reduce or eliminate pollutants and to strive to terminate injection into deep wells as a method of disposal, a community SEP which provides for the rehabilitation or replacement of lateral sewer lines in the City of Moss Point, Mississippi, and the funding of a "Green Chemistry" project at the University of Southern Mississippi's School of Polymer Science. The Green Chemistry project is intended to develop architectural coatings which contain plant oils rather than volatile organic compounds. The community lateral line project will address inflow and infiltration which contributes to sewage overflows that plague Moss Point.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Second Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and natural resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044, and should refer to *United States and State of Mississippi v. Morton International, Inc.*, D.J. Ref. 90-7-1-06413. 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 ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. 6973(d).

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of Mississippi, 808 Vieux Marche, 2nd Floor, Biloxi, Mississippi 39501; and at Region 4, Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. box 7611,

Washington, D.C. 20044. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$26.25 (without exhibits), \$77.75 (with exhibits) (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Air Act

In accordance with 28 CFR 50.7, 38 FR 19029, notice is hereby given that on October 30, 2000, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority*, Civil Action No. 00-1942 (PG), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. The United States' complaint sought injunctive relief and civil penalties under the Clean Air Act ("CAA") against the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority ("PRASA"), in regard to violations of the New Source Performance Standards for sewage treatment plants and the Puerto Rico State Implementation Plan, resulting from PRASA's operation of the multiple hearth furnace ("MHF") sludge incineration facility at its Puerto Nuevo wastewater treatment plant located in Puerto Nuevo, Puerto Rico.

The consent decree provides that PRASA shall pay a civil penalty of \$80,000 and implement a supplemental environmental project, consisting of the installation of belt filter presses at its Bayamon wastewater treatment plant, estimated to cost about \$692,000. The consent decree also requires PRASA to render its MHF units inoperable and enjoins PRASA from any future operation of those units.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed consent decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044, and should refer to *United States v. Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority*, D.J. Ref. 90-5-2-1-1874A.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Federal Office Building, Rm. 101, Carlos E. Chardon Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00918 and at the Region II office of the Environmental

Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007. 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, D.C. 20044. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check (there is a 25 cent per page reproduction cost) in the amount of \$7.75 payable to the "Consent Decree Library."

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree

Notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in the matter *The Surfrider Foundation v. John M. Bernal*, Case No. 99-CV-2441-BTM(JFS) (S.D. Cal.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of California on October 16, 2000. The proposed Consent Decree concerns alleged violations of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, at the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 2415 Dairy Mart Road, San Diego County, San Diego, California.

The proposed Consent Decree would require (1) the performance of certain environmental studies and evaluations relating to discharge of wastewater from the Plant, and (2) the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission to complete a secondary sewage treatment project for the Plant.

The United States Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to S. Randall Humm, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Environmental Defense Section, P.O. Box 23986, Washington, D.C. 20026-3986, with copies provided to William A. Wilcox, Jr., International Boundary and Water Commission, Office of the Staff Counsel, 4171 No. Mesa Street; Suite C-310, El Paso, TX 79902, and Robert Moyer, Assistant Regional Counsel, United States Environmental Protection Agency—Region IX, U.S. EPA Border Office, 610 West Ash Street, Suite 703, San Diego, California, and should reference *The Surfrider Foundation v. John M. Bernal*, Case No. 99-CV-2441-BTM(JFS) (S.D. Cal.).