

for Debtors' liability under CERCLA for response costs incurred and to be incurred by EPA in connection with the following Superfund sites: the *Breslube-Penn Superfund Site* in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania; the *Spectron Superfund Site* in Elkton, Maryland; the *Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois, Inc. Site* in Gary, Indiana; the *PCB Treatment, Inc. Superfund Site*, including one facility in Kansas City, Kansas and another facility in Kansas City, Missouri; the *Operating Industries, Inc. Superfund Site* in Monterey Park, California; and the *Waste Disposal, Inc. Superfund Site* in Santa Fe Springs, California; (2) an allowed secured claim of \$125,000 and an allowed general unsecured claim of \$250,000 for Debtors; liability under CERCLA for response costs incurred and to be incurred by the USDA Forest Service in connection with the *Elkhorn Mine and Mill Site* near Wise River, Montana; (3) an allowed general unsecured claim for \$30,000 for Debtors' liability for civil penalties for prepetition RCRA violations at the Bethlehem Lukens Plate Division in Coatesville, Pennsylvania; (4) an allowed administrative expense claim for \$165,000 and an allowed general unsecured claim for \$500,000 for Debtors' liability for civil penalties for prepetition and postpetition violations of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.* (CAA), and regulations promulgated thereunder, at Bethlehem's Burns Harbor facility in Porter County, Indiana; and (5) an allowed general unsecured claim for \$137,191.11 resolving Debtors' liability relating to the Consent Decree judgment in *Duffy Brothers Construction Co., Inc. v. American Airlines, Inc.* (D. Mass 1997).

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the Settlement Agreement for a period of twenty (20) days from the date of this publication. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044, and should refer to *In re Bethlehem Steel Corporation, et al.* (Case Nos. 01-15288 (BRL) through 01-15308)(D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-07678). Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA 42 U.S.C. 6973(d).

The Settlement Agreement may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, 33 Whitehall Street (8th Floor) New York, New York 10004, and at the United States Environmental

Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. During the public comment period, the Agreement may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the Settlement Agreement may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044, or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax number (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$8.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

Benjamin Fisherow,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

U.S. Marshals Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: U.S. Marshals Service, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for development of a contract detention facility to house persons in the custody of the U.S. Department of Justice. The contract detention facility is proposed to be located within a 50-mile radius of the U.S. Courthouse located at 1300 Victoria in Laredo, Texas.

Background

The United States Marshals Service (USMS) is the nation's oldest and most versatile federal law enforcement agency. Created by the Judiciary Act of 1789, the same legislation that established the federal judicial system, the USMS has served the nation through a variety of vital law enforcement activities. The Director, Deputy Director and 94 U.S. Marshals (appointed by the President or the Attorney General) direct the activities of 95 district offices and personnel stationed at more than 350 locations throughout the 50 states and U.S. territories. The USMS occupies a uniquely central position in the federal justice system and is involved in

virtually every federal law enforcement initiative. Approximately 4,000 Deputy Marshals and career employees perform a variety of nationwide, day-to-day missions.

During the past decade, the federal detainee population has experienced unprecedented growth as a result of expanded federal law enforcement initiatives and resources. The detainee population has increased by almost 1,000 percent, from approximately 4,000 in 1981 to over 45,000 today. These prisoners are being housed in a combination of local, state, federal and private facilities around the country. However, the growth in the detainee population is occurring at the same time that available space in local jails is decreasing. Local jail space is increasingly needed to house local offenders, leaving less space available for the contractual accommodation of federal detainees. These trends are projected to continue for the foreseeable future and present a major challenge for federal agencies such as the USMS to house detainees.

Faced with severe shortages in state and local bed space, especially in major metropolitan areas (federal court cities), as well as court-ordered caps on prisoner populations, the USMS is finding it increasingly difficult to local bedspace in state and local jails that have traditionally been used to house federal prisoners. Consequently, the USMS periodically contracts with the private sector for detention services or must house detainees farther and farther from their respective federal court cities. The resultant long-distance movement of federal detainees requires substantial amounts of USMS time and resources, and strains the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System to its limit.

Proposed Action

The USMS has determined that there is a need to house up to 2,800 federal detainees within the Laredo, Texas area. The high level of USMS and U.S. Department of Homeland Security activity in the southwestern United States in general and Texas in particular requires more beds than are readily available in local or state facilities. The USMS has a particular need for detention facilities to be located near federal courthouses because of its responsibility to detain those individuals accused of violating federal laws.

In response to this need, the USMS is seeking to contract with a private detention contractor to provide a contractor-owned and operated facility capable of housing 2,800 detained individuals charged with federal

offenses and while awaiting trial or sentencing. Eight prospective contract detention facility sites within a 50-mile radius of the U.S. Courthouse located at 1300 Victoria, Laredo, Texas have been offered to the USMS for consideration. The eight sites are described as follows:

- Killam Property—East of I-35 and north of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- San Rafael Property—West of I-35 and south of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- Las Blancas Subdivision Property—North of State Highway 359 and east of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- Pinto Valle Industrial Park Property—East of Farm-to-Market Road 1472 and northwest of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- Riata/Laredo Property—North of State Highway 359 and east of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- Valley Boulevard/Highway 83 Property—West of State Highway 83 and south of Laredo, in Webb County, Texas.
- Webb County Detention Center Property—West of State Highway 83 and south of Laredo in Webb County, Texas.
- Encinal Property—East of I-35, south of State Highway 44 and east of the City of Encinal in La Salle County, Texas.

All sites offered will be evaluated by USMS in a DEIS that will analyze the potential impacts of detention facility construction and operation at the prospective sites.

The Process

In the process of evaluating prospective sites, many factors and features will be analyzed including, but not limited to: topography, geology/soils, hydrology, biological resources, utility services, transportation services, cultural resources, land uses, socio-economics, hazardous materials, air and noise quality, among others.

Alternatives

In developing the DEIS, the No Action alternative and alternative sites for the proposed contract detention facility will be examined.

Scoping Process

During the preparation of the DEIS, there will be opportunities for public involvement in order to determine the issues to be examined. Public Scoping Meetings will be held in and around communities under consideration for development of the contract detention facility at times, dates and at locations to be determined. The meeting locations, dates, and times will be well publicized and will be arranged to allow

for the public as well as interested agencies and organizations to attend and formally express their views on the scope and significant issues to be studied as part of the DEIS process. The Scoping Meetings are also being held to provide for timely public comments and understanding of federal plans and programs with possible environmental consequences as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Availability of DEIS

Public notice will be given concerning the availability of the DEIS for public review and comment.

Contact

Questions concerning the proposed action and the DEIS may be directed to: Karin E. Eddy, Contract Specialist, U.S. Department of Justice—United States Marshals Service, Headquarters Contracts Office, C.S. #3, Room 927, Washington, DC 20530-1000, Telephone: 202-353-8348/Facsimile: 202-307-9695.

Dated: September 2, 2003.

Thomas J. McCafferty,
Contracting Officer, United States Marshals Service.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2003, from 9 am to 1 pm in Seabreeze II at the San Diego Sheraton in San Diego, California to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, please write or call Vanessa Piccioni, U. S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20416, telephone number (202) 205-6705.

Sue Hensley,
Associate Administrator, Communications and Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Amended Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Saturday, October 4, 2003 from 12:30 p.m. EDT to 1:30 p.m. EDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Toy at 1-888-912-1227, or 414-297-1611.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Joint Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Saturday, October 4, 2003, from 12:30 p.m. EDT to 1:30 p.m. EDT at Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street, NW., Washington, DC. Written comments will be accepted by mail. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 414-297-1611 or write Barbara Toy, TAP Office, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue Stop 1006MIL, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Mrs. Toy can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 414-297-1611. The agenda will include various IRS issues.

Dated: September 15, 2003.

Martha J. Curry,
Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request—Savings Association Holding Company Report H-(b)11

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on