

3. March 30, 2006: Rosenberg, Texas, at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Education Center, 1402 Band Road, Suite 100, Highway 36; 7 p.m.

4. April 5, 2006: Anchorage, Alaska, at the Howard Johnson Motel, 239 North 4th Avenue; 7 p.m.

5. April 6, 2006: Denver, Colorado, at the Colorado Department of Wildlife, Northeast Region Service Center, Hunter Education Building, 6060 Broadway; 7 p.m.

6. April 10, 2006: Hadley, Massachusetts, at the Northeast Regional Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive; 7 p.m.

7. April 12, 2006: Charleston, South Carolina, at the Fort Johnson Marine Laboratory, 217 Fort Johnson Road, James Island; 7 p.m.

8. April 19, 2006: Fargo, North Dakota, at the Best Western Doublewood Inn, 3333 13th Avenue South; 7 p.m.

9. April 20, 2006: Bloomington, Minnesota, at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center, 3815 American Boulevard East; 7 p.m.

10. April 24, 2006: Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, 1594 West North Temple; 7 p.m.

11. April 26, 2006: Arlington, Virginia, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 200; 1 p.m.

12. April 26, 2006: Sacramento, California, at the California Department of Fish and Game, Auditorium, Resource Building, 1416 Ninth Street; 7 p.m.

At the scoping meetings, you may choose to submit oral and/or written comments. To facilitate planning, we request that if you want to submit oral comments at meetings, send us your name and the meeting location you plan to attend. You should send this information to the location indicated under **ADDRESSES**. However, you are not required to submit your name prior to any particular meeting in order to present oral comments.

#### Public Comments Solicited

You may also submit written comments using one of the methods provided under **ADDRESSES**. All comments must be submitted by the date listed under **DATES**.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law.

There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record. Further, all written comments must be submitted on 8.5-by-11-inch paper.

Dated: March 3, 2006.

**H. Dale Hall,**

*Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### North American Wetlands Conservation Council Meeting Announcement

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission). The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** March 14, 2006, 1-4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Interstate I-80, 7838 South Highway #281, Grand Island, NE 68803. The Council Coordinator is located at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP 4501-4075, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Smith, Council Coordinator, (703) 358-1784 or [dbhc@fws.gov](mailto:dbhc@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding

approval by, the Commission. Proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available through the NAWCA Web site at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov>. Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds. Canadian and U.S. Small grant proposals will be considered at the Council meeting. The tentative date for the Commission meeting is June 14, 2006.

Dated: February 6, 2006.

**Paul Schmidt,**

*Assistant Director—Migratory Birds.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that on February 28, 2006, a proposed decree in *United States, the State of West Virginia, and the State of Ohio v. Elkem Metals Company L.P., Ferro Invest III Inc., Ferro Invest II LLC, and Eramet Marietta Inc.*, Civil Action No. 2:03-CV-529, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

In this action, the United States sought injunctive relief and civil penalties under Section 309(b) and (d) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. 1319(b) and (d), against Elkem Metals Company L.P., its two general partners, and Eramet Marietta Inc. for violations of Section 301 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311, and the terms and conditions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit for the Marietta, Ohio, ferro-alloy manufacturing facility formerly owned by Elkem Metals and now owned by Eramet Marietta. In addition, the United States, the State of West Virginia, and the State of Ohio, as trustees for natural resources, sought damages from the Defendants for injury to natural resources resulting from wastewater discharges from the Marietta, Ohio, facility, under section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607(a).

Under the proposed Consent Decree, Defendants would pay a total of \$3.25 million to resolve the various claims: \$2,040,000 will be paid into the Department of the Interior's Natural Resources Damage Assessment and

Restoration Fund to pay for restoration projects; \$427,500 will be paid to DOI for past assessment costs; \$32,500 will be paid to the State of Ohio for past assessment costs; \$225,000 will be paid by Elkeem Metals as a civil penalty for its CWA violations; and \$525,000 will be paid by Eramet Marietta as a civil penalty for its CWA violations.

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 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, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States, et al., v. Elkem Metals, et al.*, DOJ Ref. # 90-5-1-07310.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, 303 Marconi Blvd., Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43215, and at U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604. During the public comment period, the consent decrees may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. 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, DC 20044-7611, or by faxing a request to Tonia Fleetwood, fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$5.75 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the U.S. Treasury.

**William D. Brighton,**

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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 February 21, 2006, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Quanex Corporation*, Civil Action No. 3:05-cv-50102, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

In this action the United States sought, under section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607, to recover response costs incurred or to be incurred by the United States in connection with the Jepsco Metals Superfund Site (the "Site"), located southeast of the City of Dixon, in Lee County, Illinois. Under the proposed settlement, Quanex Corporation ("Settling Defendant") will pay one million dollars of U.S. EPA's past costs incurred at the Site. In return, the Settling Defendant will receive contribution protection and a covenant not to sue from the United States for past response costs, as defined in the Consent Decree.

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, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Quanex Corporation*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-2-08317.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 308 West State Street, Suite 300, Rockford, Illinois 61101, and at U.S. EPA Region V, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604. During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. 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, DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood [tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov](mailto:tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (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 \$5.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance for this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than three years.

Comments are invited on (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information of respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received by May 8, 2006, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the information collection and requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Suzanne Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 295, Arlington, VA 22230, or by e-mail to [splimpton@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpton@nsf.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Plimpton on (703) 292-7556 or send e-mail to [splimpton@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpton@nsf.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* New Project Data Form.

*OMB Control No.:* 3145—New.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Not applicable.

*Abstract:* The New Project Data Form is a component of all grant proposals submitted to NSF's Division of Undergraduate Education. This form collects information needed to direct proposals to appropriate reviewers and to report the estimated collective impact