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Dated: August 8, 2012.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PR12-32-000]

#### NorthWestern Corporation; Notice of Petition for Rate Approval

Take notice that on July 31, 2012, NorthWestern Corporation (NorthWestern) filed a Rate Election pursuant to 284.123(b)(1) of the Commissions regulations and to revise its Statement of Operating Conditions. NorthWestern proposes to utilize rates that are the same as those contained in NorthWestern's storage and transportation rate schedules for comparable intrastate service on file with the Montana Public Service Commission as more fully detailed in the petition.

Any person desiring to participate in this rate filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the date as indicated below. Anyone filing an intervention or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. Anyone filing an intervention or protest on or before the intervention or protest date need not serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday August 17, 2012.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2012-0612; FRL-9359-4]

### Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 5 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires any person who intends to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) a new chemical (i.e., a chemical not on the TSCA Chemical Substances Inventory (TSCA Inventory)) to notify EPA and comply with the statutory provisions pertaining to the manufacture of new chemicals. Under TSCA sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3), EPA is required to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of receipt of a premanufacture notice (PMN) or an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), and to publish in the **Federal Register** periodic status reports on the new chemicals under review and the receipt of notices of commencement (NOC) to manufacture those chemicals. This document, which covers the period from July 1, 2012 to July 20, 2012, and provides the required notice and status report, consists of the PMNs pending or expired, and the NOC to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

**DATES:** Comments identified by the specific PMN number or TME number, must be received on or before September 14, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID)

number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2012-0612, and the specific PMN number or TME number for the chemical related to your comment, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564-8930. Such deliveries are only accepted during the DCO's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

*Docket:* All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other

material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPPT Docket. The OPPT Docket is located in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) at Rm. 3334, EPA West Bldg., 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the EPA/DC Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Docket visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector, and sign the EPA visitor log. All visitor bags are processed through an X-ray machine and subject to search. Visitors will be provided an EPA/DC badge that must be visible at all times in the building and returned upon departure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical information contact: Bernice Mudd, Information Management Division (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8951; fax number: (202) 564-8955; email address: [mudd.bernice@epa.gov](mailto:mudd.bernice@epa.gov).

For general information contact: The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe the specific entities that this action may apply to. Although others may be affected, this action applies directly to the submitter of the PMNs addressed in this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

###### B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. **Submitting CBI.** Do not submit this information to EPA through [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. **Tips for preparing your comments.** When submitting comments, remember to:

- i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.
- vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.
- viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

##### II. Why is EPA taking this action?

EPA classifies a chemical substance as either an “existing” chemical or a “new” chemical. Any chemical

substance that is not on EPA’s TSCA Inventory is classified as a “new chemical,” while those that are on the TSCA Inventory are classified as an “existing chemical.” For more information about the TSCA Inventory go to: <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/newchems/pubs/inventory.htm>. Anyone who plans to manufacture or import a new chemical substance for a non-exempt commercial purpose is required by TSCA section 5 to provide EPA with a PMN, before initiating the activity. Section 5(h)(1) of TSCA authorizes EPA to allow persons, upon application, to manufacture (includes import) or process a new chemical substance, or a chemical substance subject to a significant new use rule (SNUR) issued under TSCA section 5(a), for “test marketing” purposes, which is referred to as a test marketing exemption, or TME. For more information about the requirements applicable to a new chemical go to: <http://www.epa.gov/opt/newchems>.

Under TSCA sections 5(d)(2) and 5(d)(3), EPA is required to publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of receipt of a PMN or an application for a TME and to publish in the **Federal Register** periodic status reports on the new chemicals under review and the receipt of NOCs to manufacture those chemicals. This status report, which covers the period from July 1, 2012 to July 20, 2012, consists of the PMNs pending or expired, and the NOCs to manufacture a new chemical that the Agency has received under TSCA section 5 during this time period.

##### III. Receipt and Status Reports

In Table I. of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as CBI) on the PMNs received by EPA during this period: The EPA case number assigned to the PMN, the date the PMN was received by EPA, the projected end date for EPA’s review of the PMN, the submitting manufacturer/importer, the potential uses identified by the manufacturer/importer in the PMN, and the chemical identity.

TABLE I—35 PMNs RECEIVED FROM 07/01/12 TO 07/20/12

Case No.	Received date	Projected notice end date	Manufacturer/Importer	Use	Chemical
P-12-0438	07/02/2012	09/29/2012	CBI .....	(S) Intermediate for synthesis of specialty monomer.	(G) Aminoalkyl substituted bicyclic olefin.
P-12-0439	07/02/2012	09/29/2012	CBI .....	(G) Surfactant for emulsifier .....	(G) Glycolipid.
P-12-0440	07/03/2012	09/30/2012	Innovative Resin Systems.	(G) epoxy adhesive flexibilizer .....	(G) Phenol capped urethane prepolymer.

TABLE I—35 PMNS RECEIVED FROM 07/01/12 TO 07/20/12—Continued

Case No.	Received date	Projected notice end date	Manufacturer/Importer	Use	Chemical
P-12-0441	07/05/2012	10/02/2012	Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.	(S) An inert ingredient used in the manufacture of a registered pesticide.	(G) A glucopyranose.
P-12-0442	07/03/2012	09/30/2012	CBI .....	(G) Binder .....	(G) Carboxylic acid, alkenyl ester, polymers with alkyl acrylate, methacrylate and polyethylene glycol hydrogen sulfate substituted alkyl branched alkoxy methyl substituted (alkoxy)alkyl ethers salts.
P-12-0443	07/03/2012	09/30/2012	CBI .....	(G) Coating additive .....	(G) Benzene, ethenyl-, polymer with substituted alkane.
P-12-0444	07/06/2012	10/03/2012	CBI .....	(G) Colorants .....	(G) Carbopolycyclic-alkyl-[[[[[(haloalkyl-aryl]diazanyl]aryl]diazanyl]-carbopolycyclic]diazanyl].
P-12-0445	07/06/2012	10/03/2012	CBI .....	(G) Colorants .....	(G) Morpholine, [[[[[(haloaryl)diazanyl]-alkylaryl]-diazanyl]aryl]-.
P-12-0446	07/06/2012	10/03/2012	CBI .....	(G) Colorants .....	(G) Morpholine, [[[[[(haloaryl)diazanyl]-alkylaryl]-diazanyl]aryl]-.
P-12-0447	07/05/2012	10/02/2012	CBI .....	(G) Paint thickner; additive for cements.	(G) Hydrophobic modified acrylic swellable emulsion.
P-12-0448	07/08/2012	10/05/2012	CBI .....	(S) Catalyst component for olefin polymerisation.	(S) Zirconium, dichloro[[[(1,2,3,4,5-eta.)-3-(1,1-dimethylethyl)-2,4-cyclopentadien-1-ylidene] (1-methylethylidene) [(1,2,3,3a,7a-eta.)-2-methyl-1 <i>H</i> -inden-1-ylidene]]-.
P-12-0449	07/08/2012	10/05/2012	CBI .....	(S) Industrial polymer manufacture for coatings.	(S) Hexanedioic acid, polymer with <i>N</i> 1-(2-aminoethyl)-1,2-ethanediamine, 1,6-hexanediol, hydrazine, 3-hydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methylpropanoic acid and 1,1'-methylenebis[4-isocyanatocyclohexane], 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate-blocked, compounds with triethylamine.
P-12-0450	07/08/2012	10/05/2012	CBI .....	(G) Coating additive; surface active agent.	(G) Partially fluorinated alcohol, reaction products with phosphorus oxide (P2O5), amine salts.
P-12-0451	07/08/2012	10/05/2012	CBI .....	(G) Coating additive; surface active agent.	(G) Partially fluorinated alcohol, reaction products with phosphorus oxide (P2O5), amine salts.
P-12-0452	07/09/2012	10/06/2012	Interplastic Corporation.	(S) Vinyl ester resin for coatings and composites.	(S) 2,5-furandione, polymer with 2-(chloromethyl)oxirane and 4,4'-(1-methylethylidene)bis[phenol], 2,2-bis[(2-propen-1-yloxy)methyl]butyl ester, 2-methyl-2-propenoate.
P-12-0453	07/09/2012	10/06/2012	Ineos Chlor Americas.	(G) Additive .....	(G) chlorinated alkane, chlorinated paraffin, medium chain chlorinated paraffin.
P-12-0454	07/05/2012	10/02/2012	New Polymer Systems, Inc.	(G) Additive for polymers .....	(G) Modified lignocellulose.
P-12-0455	07/10/2012	10/07/2012	Dow Chemical Company.	(S) Hardener for epoxy floor coating.	(G) Epoxy amine adduct.
P-12-0456	07/11/2012	10/08/2012	Henkel Corporation	(S) A site limited intermediate used to prepare novel endcapped polyisobutylene polymers.	(S) Benzene, 1,3-bis(1-chloro-1-methylethyl)-, reaction products with butadiene-isobutylene polymer.
P-12-0457	07/11/2012	10/08/2012	Rational Energies, Inc.	(S) Fuel or fuel blending stock .....	(G)Naptha.
P-12-0458	07/11/2012	10/08/2012	Rational Energies, Inc.	(S) Refinery feedstock; fuel blend	(G)Petroleum.
P-12-0459	07/12/2012	10/09/2012	CBI .....	(G) Catalyst .....	(G) Phosphazene.

TABLE I—35 PMNS RECEIVED FROM 07/01/12 TO 07/20/12—Continued

Case No.	Received date	Projected notice end date	Manufacturer/Importer	Use	Chemical
P-12-0460	07/12/2012	10/09/2012	BASF Corporation ...	(G) Photoinitiated resin for ultra violet or electron beams curable clear coatings, overprint varnishes, laminating adhesives and inks.	(G) Acrylate functional aliphatic isocyanate polymer blocked with hydroxy aromatic monomer.
P-12-0461	07/12/2012	10/09/2012	Akzo Nobel Coatings, Inc.	(S) Use in coatings intended for airplanes.	(G) polymer with dipropylene glycol, propylene glycol adipic acid, glycidylester of Versatic acid 10, diethylmalonate ethylacetate.
P-12-0462	07/13/2012	10/10/2012	CBI .....	(G) Pigment dispersant .....	(G) Anhydride, polymer with substituted alkylbenzene and polyalkyl glycol, 2-butanol- and substituted acrylate heteromonocycle reaction products and substituted carbomonocyclic homopolymer alkyl ester and polyethylene glycol mono-me ether-blocked.
P-12-0463	07/13/2012	10/10/2012	CBI .....	(S) Coating for wood, plastic and leather.	(S) Hexanedioic acid, polymer with 1,6-diisocyanatohexane, 1,2-ethanediol, 3-hydroxy-2-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methylpropanoic acid, and 1,1'-methylenebis[4-isocyanatocyclohexane], compound with <i>N,N</i> -diethylethanamine.
P-12-0464	07/16/2012	10/13/2012	CBI .....	(G) Raw material for the manufacturing of release coatings.	(S) Iodonium, diphenyl-, 4,4'-dic10-13 alkyl derivatives., (oc-6-11)-hexafluoroantimonates(1-).
P-12-0465	07/17/2012	10/14/2012	CBI .....	(G) Adhesive for electrical industry use.	(G) Latex polymer.
P-12-0466	07/17/2012	10/14/2012	CBI .....	(G) Adhesive for electrical industry use.	(G) Latex polymer.
P-12-0467	07/17/2012	10/14/2012	International Specialty Products.	(S) Scale inhibitor .....	(S) Phosphonic acid, <i>P,P'</i> -[[(2-hydroxyethyl)imino]bis(methylene)]bis-, sodium salt (1:2).
P-12-0468	07/17/2012	10/14/2012	CBI .....	(G) Destructive use—intermediate precipitate.	(G) Doped yttrium oxalate.
P-12-0469	07/17/2012	10/14/2012	CBI .....	(G) Destructive use—intermediate precipitate.	(G) Yttrium europium oxalate.
P-12-0470	07/18/2012	10/15/2012	CBI .....	(G) Prep of PCV for adhesive tape	(G) Hexanedioic acid, polymer with glycols and 2-ethylhexyl ester.
P-12-0471	07/20/2012	10/17/2012	CBI .....	(G) Destructive use .....	(S) Butanedioic acid, 2-methylene-, 1,4-dimethyl ester.
P-12-0472	07/20/2012	10/17/2012	CBI .....	(S) Additive for electrolyte mixtures for batteries and other electrical and electronic devices.	(G) Fluoroalkyl alkanesulfonate.

In Table II. of this unit, EPA provides the following information (to the extent that such information is not claimed as

CBI) on the NOCs received by EPA during this period: The EPA case number assigned to the NOC, the date

the NOC was received by EPA, the projected end date for EPA's review of the NOC, and chemical identity.

TABLE II—22 NOCs RECEIVED FROM 07/01/12 TO 7/20/12

Case No.	Received date	Commencement notice end date	Chemical
J-11-0005	07/19/2012	06/20/2012	(G) Modified trichoderma reesei.
J-11-0006	07/19/2012	06/20/2012	(G) Modified trichoderma reesei.
P-09-0102	07/02/2012	06/26/2012	(G) Acrylate polymer with vinyl ether.
P-10-0185	07/16/2012	06/26/2012	(G) Alkyl phosphate salt.
P-10-0314	07/13/2012	06/16/2012	(S) Aluminum, (2-butanolato) bis[ethyl-3(oxo-, .kappa.,o)butanoato-, .kappa.,o']-
P-11-0181	07/12/2012	06/26/2012	(G) Fluorosurfactant.
P-11-0245	07/10/2012	06/28/2012	(G) Alkoxyate polymer, mono(alkenyl) ether.

TABLE II—22 NOCs RECEIVED FROM 07/01/12 TO 7/20/12—Continued

Case No.	Received date	Commencement notice end date	Chemical
P-11-0279	07/05/2012	06/14/2012	(S) Neodecanoic acid, 2-oxiranylmethyl ester, polymer with 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-propanediol, 2-ethyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-propanediol, hexahydro-1,3-isobenzofurandione and 2-oxepanone.
P-12-0165	07/19/2012	06/29/2012	(G) Modified <i>N</i> -vinylformamide polymer.
P-12-0171	07/05/2012	07/03/2012	(G) Alkyl acrylate, polymer with alkyl phenylalkoxy-piperidinone and alkenylpyridine.
P-12-0175	07/11/2012	07/10/2012	(G) Hydroxyalkanoic acid, compound with aminoheterocycle polymer with hydroxyalkanoic acid, alkyltriamine, lactone, and lactone.
P-12-0180	07/10/2012	06/21/2012	(G) Aqueous acrylic resin.
P-12-0204	07/18/2012	07/05/2012	(S) Soybean oil, oleic acid-high.
P-12-0206	07/10/2012	07/05/2012	(G) Reaction products of sulfonated, hydrogenated rosin and copper phthalocyanine with mixed chlorides.
P-12-0214	07/12/2012	06/15/2012	(G) Carbohydrate, polymers with acrylic acid and maleic anhydride, sodium salt, hydrogen peroxide- and peroxydisulfuric acid ((ho)s(o)2]2o2) sodium salt (1:2)-initiated.
P-12-0215	07/12/2012	06/18/2012	(G) Carbohydrate, polymers with acrylic acid and sodium 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propen-1-yl)amino]-1-propanesulfoate (1:1), sodium salt, hydrogen peroxide- and peroxydisulfuric acid ((ho)s(o)2]2o2) sodium salt (1:2)-initiated.
P-12-0216	07/12/2012	06/18/2012	(G) Carbohydrate, polymers with acrylic acid and maleic anhydride, maltodextrin and methacrylic acid, sodium salt, hydrogen peroxide- and peroxydisulfuric acid ((ho)s(o)2]2o2) sodium salt (1:2)-initiated.
P-12-0217	07/12/2012	06/13/2012	(G) Carbohydrate, polymers with acrylic acid maltodextrin, sodium salt, hydrogen peroxide- and peroxydisulfuric acid ((ho)s(o)2]2o2) sodium salt (1:2)-initiated.
P-12-0218	07/12/2012	06/22/2012	(G) Carbohydrate, telomers with acrylic acid, iso-pr alc., maltodextrin, 3-mercaptopropanoic acid and styrene, sodium salt, hydrogen peroxide- and peroxydisulfuric acid ((ho)s(o)2]2o2) sodium salt (1:2)-initiated.
P-12-0219	07/12/2012	06/13/2012	(G) Carbohydrate, polymers with acrylic acid and maleic anhydride, maltodextrin, and methacrylic acid, ammonium salt, hydrogen peroxide- and peroxydisulfuric acid ((ho)s(o)2]2o2) sodium salt (1:2)-initiated.
P-12-0226	07/16/2012	06/19/2012	(G) Alkyl ketimines; polymeric ketimines.
P-12-0285	07/10/2012	06/30/2012	(S) Copper(2+), tetraamine-, dichloride.

If you are interested in information that is not included in these tables, you may contact EPA as described in Unit II. to access additional non-CBI information that may be available.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Imports, Notice of commencement, Premanufacturer, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Test marketing exemptions.

Dated: August 6, 2012.

**Darryl S. Ballard,**

*Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9716-2]

#### Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (“CAA” or the “Act”), 42 U.S.C. 7413(g), notice is hereby given of a proposed consent decree to address a lawsuit filed by American Bottom Conservancy in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois: *American Bottom Conservancy v. Jackson*, No. 3:12-cv-00296-GPM-SCW (S.D. IL). On August 16, 2011, Plaintiff filed a deadline suit to compel the Administrator to respond to an administrative petition seeking EPA’s objection to a CAA Title V operating permit issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for U.S. Steel Corporation’s Granite City Works facility. Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, EPA would agree to respond to the petition by December 3, 2012, or within 30 days of the entry date of this Consent Decree, whichever is later.

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received September 14, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID number EPA-HQ-OGC-2012-0577, online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (EPA’s preferred method); by email to [oei.docket@epa.gov](mailto:oei.docket@epa.gov); by mail to EPA Docket Center, Environmental

Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; or by hand delivery or courier to EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Comments on a disk or CD-ROM should be formatted in Word or ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption, and may be mailed to the mailing address above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kaytrue Ting, Air and Radiation Law Office (2344A), Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-6380; fax number (202) 564-5603; email address: [ting.kaytrue@epa.gov](mailto:ting.kaytrue@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Additional Information About the Proposed Consent Decree

This proposed consent decree would resolve a lawsuit alleging that the Administrator failed to perform a nondiscretionary duty to grant or deny, within 60 days of submission, an administrative petition to object to a CAA Title V permit issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection