

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging Proposed Consent Decree

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 U.S.C. 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Bridlewood Development, LLC*, Civil No. 2:16-cv-03031-PMD, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina on September 8, 2016.

The proposed Consent Decree concerns a complaint filed by the United States against Defendants Bridlewood Development, LLC, Whitehorse I, LLC, Gorden Timmons, and Edward Scott, pursuant to Sections 301, 309, and 404 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311, 1319, and 1344, to obtain injunctive relief from and impose civil penalties against the Defendants for violating the Clean Water Act by discharging pollutants without a permit into waters of the United States in Dorchester County, South Carolina. The proposed Consent Decree resolves these allegations by requiring the Defendants to restore wetlands, to preserve wetlands, and to pay a civil penalty.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to this proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Please address comments to Andrew J. Doyle, Senior Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Post Office Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044, and refer to *U.S. v. Bridlewood Development, LLC, et al.*, DJ #90-5-1-4-20280.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, 85 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401. In addition, the proposed Consent Decree may be examined electronically at <http://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>.

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Office of Justice Programs

[[OJP (NIJ) Docket No. 1725]

Discontinuing the Metallic Handcuffs Compliance Testing Program and Request for Public Comment on Draft Minimum Scheme Requirements to Certify Criminal Justice Restraints Described in NIJ Standard 1001.00

AGENCY: National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) announces that it is discontinuing the metallic handcuffs Compliance Testing Program (CTP). The program is closed to new submissions effective upon publication of this notice. The metallic handcuffs Compliant Products List (CPL) will remain published for an additional year until September 14, 2017, after which time it will be taken down. In place of the CTP, NIJ has been working with conformity assessment bodies to develop acceptable criteria by which NIJ would recognize a product certification scheme operated by a certification body in the private sector. NIJ seeks feedback from the public on draft minimum requirements that a product certification scheme must contain for the certification of restraints described in NIJ Standard 1001.00, *Criminal Justice Restraints Standard*. The draft minimum scheme requirements are found in the Supplementary Information below, as well as in the document found here: <http://www.nij.gov/restraints>. NIJ anticipates recognizing certification programs that meet or exceed the minimum scheme requirements. NIJ also anticipates provisionally recognizing the certification program established by the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI), which is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to ISO/IEC 17065 *Conformity assessment—Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services*. SEI added NIJ Standard 1001.00 to the scope of its accreditation, with an effective date of October 7, 2015 valid through June 1, 2017. Further guidance on recognition of this certification program or others will be published in the **Federal Register** at a future date, to be determined. NIJ Standard 1001.00, *Criminal Justice Restraints Standard*, was published in the **Federal Register** on November 19, 2014, and may be found here: <https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-27367>.

DATES: Comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on October 14, 2016.

How to Respond and What to Include: The draft minimum scheme requirements are found in the Supplementary Information below, or in the document found here: <http://www.nij.gov/restraints>. To submit comments, please send an email to the point of contact listed below, and provide contact information with the submission of comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Greene, Policy and Standards Division Director, Office of Science and Technology, National Institute of Justice, 810 7th Street NW., Washington, DC 20531; telephone number: (202) 307-3384; email address: mark.greene2@usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following describes the minimum requirements that a product certification scheme must contain for the certification of restraints described in NIJ Standard 1001.00, *Criminal Justice Restraints Standard*. A product certification scheme includes the rules, procedures, and management required for carrying out product certification, which involves the assessment and attestation by an impartial third party that fulfilment of specified requirements has been demonstrated by a product. This is discussed further in ISO/IEC 17067, *Conformity assessment — Fundamentals of product certification and guidelines for product certification schemes*.

The following is intended primarily for those considering becoming certification scheme owners for the purpose of certifying restraints, in order to provide greater confidence to the criminal justice end user community that the restraints products conform to the requirements specified in NIJ Standard 1001.00. It includes minimum reasonable expectations that a certification body should meet in order to operate a certification program for restraints.

The following is also intended for accreditation bodies that accredit certification bodies which may be considering certifying restraints to a scheme that includes laboratory testing of products to NIJ Standard 1001.00.

This document uses the following in accordance with international standards:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” indicates a possibility or a capability.