

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Clean Water Act

On April 28, 2021, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed consent decree with the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York in the lawsuit entitled *United States and State of New York v. Holcim (US) Inc.*, Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-490 (GTS-DJS). The United States and the State of New York filed this action for injunctive relief and civil penalties brought pursuant to Section 309(b) and (d) of the Clean Water Act (“CWA” or the “Act”), 33 U.S.C. 1319(b) and (d), and Article 17 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law (“ECL”), and regulations promulgated thereto, against Holcim (US) Inc. (“Holcim” or “Defendant”), as owner and as successor-in-interest at Defendant’s Ravena Cement Plant (“Facility” or “Ravena Facility”) located at 1916 Route 9W in Ravena, New York for illegal discharges of pollutants and other violations of Section 301(a) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. 1311(a), and for failing to comply with NYSDEC State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. NY0005037 (the “Permit”), issued pursuant to CWA § 402, 33 U.S.C. 1342. The complaint alleges that, between April 2015 and April 2021, Holcim violated the Clean Water Act through unauthorized discharges of pollutants to tributaries of the Hudson River, and that Holcim’s predecessor-in-interest violated three prior administrative consent orders issued from 2011 to 2015. This action seeks to recover monetary penalties for these violations as well as injunctive relief compelling Holcim to come into compliance with the CWA, the ECL, and their respective implementing regulations.

The settlement, set forth in a consent decree lodged with the court, requires Holcim to comply with the terms of the Permit, pay an \$850,000 civil penalty (\$212,000 of which will be directed to a NYS Environmental Benefit Project improving stormwater management at Coeymans Landing Park in the Town of Coeymans, New York), and make other physical and operational improvements to the Facility.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States and State of New York v. Holcim (US) Inc.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-08221/8. All comments must

be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email .....	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail .....	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

During the public comment period, the proposed consent decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the proposed consent decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. Please enclose a check or money order for \$17.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## U.S. Marshals Service

[OMB Number 1105-0104]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Extension With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection; District/Aviation Security Officers (DSO/ASO) Personal Qualifications Statement**

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

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), Department of Justice (DOJ), will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for an additional 30 days until June 7, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent

within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

**Overview of This Information Collection**

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension with change of a currently approved collection.

(2) *The Title of the Form/Collection:* District/Aviation Security Officers (DSO/ASO) Personal Qualifications Statement.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Form number: Form USM-234.

*Component:* U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

*Primary:* District/Aviation Security Officers Job Applicants.

*Other:* [None].

*Abstract:* This form will primarily be used to collect applicant reference information. Reference checking is an objective evaluation of an applicant’s past job performance based on information collected from key individuals (e.g., supervisors, peers, subordinates) who have known and

worked with the applicant. Reference checking is a necessary supplement to the evaluation of resumes and other descriptions of training and experience, and allows the selecting official to hire applicants with a strong history of performance. The questions on this form have been developed following the OPM, MSPB, and DOJ “Best Practice” guidelines for reference checking.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* An estimated 1000 respondents will utilize the form, and it will take each respondent approximately 60 minutes to complete the form.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The estimated annual public burden associated with this collection is 1000 hours, which is equal to (1000 (total # of annual responses) \* 1 (60 mins)).

(7) *An Explanation of the Change in Estimates:* New collection.

If additional information is required contact: Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 3E.405A, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: May 4, 2021.

**Melody Braswell,**

*Department Clearance Officer for PRA, U.S. Department of Justice.*

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Notice of Availability and Request for Comment on “Technical Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon, Methane, and Nitrous Oxide Interim Estimates Under Executive Order 13990”

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), on behalf of the co-chairs of the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases, including the Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) and the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), request comments on “*Technical Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon, Methane, and Nitrous Oxide*

*Interim Estimates under Executive Order 13990,”* released on February 26, 2021, available at: [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/TechnicalSupportDocument\\_SocialCostofCarbonMethaneNitrousOxide.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/TechnicalSupportDocument_SocialCostofCarbonMethaneNitrousOxide.pdf). The estimates of the social cost of carbon (SC-CO<sub>2</sub>), social cost of methane (SC-CH<sub>4</sub>), and social cost of nitrous oxide (SC-N<sub>2</sub>O), collectively called the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases (SC-GHG), are used to estimate the value to society of marginal reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, or conversely, the social costs of increasing such emissions, in the policy making process.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments must be in writing and received by June 21, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments by one of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Please note that we cannot provide an option for written or faxed comments at this time due to COVID-19 protocols. Please submit comments electronically.

All comments and recommendations submitted in response to this notice will be made available to the public. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) website is an “anonymous access” system, which means OMB will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact: Italy Martin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Email: [SocialCostofGreenhouseGasesComments@omb.eop.gov](mailto:SocialCostofGreenhouseGasesComments@omb.eop.gov), Telephone: (202) 395-1046.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Federal agencies began regularly incorporating SC-CO<sub>2</sub> estimates in benefit-cost analyses conducted under Executive Order (E.O.) 12866 in 2008, following a court ruling in which an agency was ordered to consider the value of reducing carbon dioxide emissions in a rulemaking process. In 2009, an original interagency working group (IWG) was established to ensure that agencies were using the best available science and to promote consistency in the estimated values. The IWG published SC-CO<sub>2</sub> estimates in 2010. These estimates were updated in 2013. In August 2016, the IWG published a technical support document (TSD) providing SC-CH<sub>4</sub> and

SC-N<sub>2</sub>O estimates using methodologies that are consistent with the methodology underlying the SC-CO<sub>2</sub> estimates.

The Technical Support Document (interim TSD) released on February 26, 2021, provides an interim update of SC-GHG estimates, which are reported in 2020 dollars, but otherwise use identical methods and inputs to those presented in the 2016 version of the TSD and its Addendum, including the same three peer-reviewed integrated assessment models. In addition, the interim TSD discusses scientific and economic advances that have been made since the time of the last updates to the IWG SC-GHG estimates. This notice requests public comment on the interim TSD as well as on how best to incorporate the latest peer-reviewed science and economics literature in order to develop an updated set of SC-GHG estimates. CEA, OMB, and OSTP request that comments be submitted electronically to OMB by [45 days after publication in the **Federal Register**] through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

### Outline of Notice

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#### 1. Background

A robust and scientifically founded assessment of the positive and negative impacts that an action can be expected to have on society is a core tenet of the policy-making process. This is particularly important in the area of climate change. In order to meet this charge, the Executive Branch has developed a set of estimates that represent the monetized impact to society associated with an incremental change in greenhouse gas emissions. These estimates have been developed over the course of many years, using the best science and economics available, and with input from the public.

The latest iteration of this longstanding policy was launched by the re-constituted Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases, which was re-established by Executive Order (E.O.) 13990. The re-constituted IWG is committed to ensuring that the estimates agencies consider when monetizing the value of changes in greenhouse gas emissions resulting from regulations and other relevant agency actions continue to reflect the best available science and methodologies. In order to meet this charge, the IWG issued an interim Technical Support Document on February 26, 2021. It presents interim estimates of the social cost of carbon, methane, and nitrous oxide, as directed