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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 email request to *pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov*.

Henry S. Friedman,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Proposed Settlement Agreement Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

On December 4, 2023, a proposed Settlement Agreement between the United States, on behalf of (a) the United States Department of the Interior (“DOI”) and (b) the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), and Mallinckrodt plc, and the Mallinckrodt General Unsecured Claims Trust (the “GUC Trust” and, with the Reorganized Debtors, collectively, “Mallinckrodt”), was filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware in the Chapter 11 case captioned, *In re: Mallinckrodt PLC*, Case No.: 20–12522.

On October 12, 2020, each of Mallinckrodt plc and its debtor affiliates filed voluntary petitions in the Bankruptcy Court. The United States, on behalf of DOI and EPA, filed a proof of claim asserting a claim against Mallinckrodt for past costs and future liability as a potential liable party at the Sangamo Electric Dump/Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Site pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. The proposed Settlement Agreement grants the United States an allowed unsecured claim against Mallinckrodt US Holdings LLC on behalf of DOI in the amount of \$56,880,784, and for EPA in the amount of \$499,216. Mallinckrodt’s *Fourth Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization,*

which the Bankruptcy Court confirmed, and which went effective on Jun 16, 2022, dictate the terms of payment for the United States’ allowed claim.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed Settlement Agreement. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to, *In re: Mallinckrodt PLC*, Case No.: 20–12522, D.J. Ref. No. 90–11–2–09556/2. 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:

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Under section 7003(d) of RCRA, a commenter may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area.

During the public comment period, the Settlement Agreement may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <http://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the Settlement Agreement 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 \$3.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

Patricia M. McKenna,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

On December 5, 2023, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois in the lawsuit entitled *United States et*

al. v. TCI Pacific Communications LLC, Case No. 23–4218.

The proposed Consent Decree settles claims brought by the United States under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607 against TCI Pacific Communications LLC (“Defendant”) seeking reimbursement of response costs and performance of remedial measures with respect to Operable Unit 4 (“OU4”) of the DePue/New Jersey Zinc/Mobil Chemical Corp. Superfund Site in DePue, Illinois. The Consent Decree would also resolve claims brought by the State of Illinois under CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607 and the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, 415 ILCS 5/22.2 and 5/42 (d) and (e), for performance of a remedial action and recovery of the State’s unreimbursed costs incurred at or in connection with OU4 at the Site. The Consent Decree requires Defendants to pay the United States a total of \$368,831.16 in EPA’s response costs and perform the remedial “Work” defined in the Scope of Work, attached to the Consent Decree as Appendix B. The Work consists of excavation of contaminated soil and Site-related material from residences, parks, and alleys, backfilling with clean soil, revegetation, and stockpiling and management of the excavated fill in the Former Plant Site Area of OU3.

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 et al. v. TCI Pacific Communications LLC*, DJ No. 90–11–3–11937/1. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. 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). Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

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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.

For a copy of the Consent Decree, please enclose a check or money order for \$61 (244 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

Patricia McKenna,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB

Review; Comment Request, Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), New Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Chief Evaluation Office, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents is properly assessed. Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before February 12, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either one of the following methods:

Email: ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov; *Mail or Courier:* Megan Lizik,

Chief Evaluation Office, OASP, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. *Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number identified above for this information collection. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Megan Lizik by email at ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov or by phone at 202–693–5911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. *Background:* The Chief Evaluation Office (CEO) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) intends to design and conduct an evaluation to assess the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program. WOTC is a provision of the Internal Revenue Code (title 26 of the U.S. Code) that provides employers a tax credit as an incentive to hire people with barriers to employment in 10 Target Groups (including veterans, recipients of certain public benefits, people with disabilities and others). DOL is responsible for certification of WOTC participant eligibility, and the Internal Revenue Service in the Department of Treasury issues the tax credits to employers. The goal of this project is to build knowledge about the effectiveness and implementation of the program. CEO, in collaboration with the Office for Workforce Investment (OWI) in the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and with the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), seeks to better understand the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), how it is administered amongst state workforce agencies, how it serves job seekers and employers, the effectiveness and efficiency of its current design, potential improvements in structure and operations, and potential future research in this area. This initial request pertains to an implementation evaluation of WOTC. An outcome and impact evaluation are anticipated in the future.

This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on

1. *Internet Survey of State Workforce Agency (SWA) Administrators.* Surveys will be issued in the winter of 2024–2025. These surveys will address the implementation processes used by SWAs to administer the WOTC program, including recruitment of individuals and businesses, issuance of conditional certifications, processing

WOTC certification requests, interactions with other involved organizations, and use of automated systems. SWAs will also be asked to provide contact information for Businesses that requested WOTC certifications, Business Representatives used by employers seeking WOTC certifications, American Job Centers and other community organizations authorized to pre-certify WOTC Target Group members, and individuals certified in WOTC Target Groups.

2. *Internet Survey of Businesses and Business Representatives.* Surveys will be issued in the winter of 2024–2025 to address the processes used by Businesses or their Representatives to recruit, certify and hire WOTC candidates.

3. *Internet Survey of American Job Centers (AJCs) and Partner Organizations* that can pre-certify the eligibility for a WOTC Target Group. This survey will address the activities that AJCs and other partner organizations (identified by SWAs) engage in to pre-certify individuals in 10 WOTC Target groups.

4. *Internet Survey of WOTC-Certified Candidates.* This survey will address the implementation processes experienced by the WOTC Target Group members in obtaining a WOTC certification, and their subsequent employment.

II. *Desired Focus of Comments:* Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the above data collection for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program. DOL is particularly interested in comments that do the following:

- evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- evaluate the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions;
- enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; 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—for example, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. *Current Actions:* At this time, the Department of Labor is requesting clearance for internet surveys of State Workforce Agencies, Businesses and