

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: 1. Agenda for future meeting: none.

2. Minutes.

3. Ratification List.

4. Inv. Nos. 731-TA-406 and 408 (Review)(Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide from Greece and Japan)—briefing and vote. (The Commission will transmit its determination to the Secretary of Commerce on May 9, 2000.)

5. Outstanding action jackets: none. In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

Issued: April 3, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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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 a Consent Decree in *U.S. v. Arnet Realty Co., et al.*, Civil Action No. 00-1294 (AJL) (D.N.J.) was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey on March 17, 2000.

The proposed consent decree resolves claims asserted by the United States, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), against: Madison Industries, Inc.; Old Bridge Chemicals, Co.; Arnet Realty Company and its two partners, Arnold Asman and Nettie Bzura; and Ciba Specialty Chemicals Water Treatments, Inc. (formerly CPS Chemical Company, Inc., a subsidiary of Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation. ("Settling Defendants") under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607. The claims sought to recover past response costs incurred at the CPS/Madison site ("Site") in Middlesex County, New Jersey. The proposed Consent Decree requires the Settling Defendants to reimburse the United States \$500,000 in past response costs.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this

notice. Please address comments to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044 and refer to *U.S. v. Arnet Realty Co., et al.*, Civil Action No. 00-1294 (AJL) (D.N.J.), DJ #90-11-3-1525.

Copies of the proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, 970 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102, or at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866. A copy of the proposed Settlement Agreement may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044. When requesting a copy of the consent decree by mail, please enclose a check in the amount of \$7.00 (twenty-five cents per page reproduction costs) payable to the "Consent Decree Library."

Joel M. Gross,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,
Environment and Natural Resources Division,
U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act ("CWA") and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA")

Consistent with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Gulf States Steel, Inc.* was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama on March 28, 2000 (CV-97-BU-2755-M). The United States filed a complaint pursuant to Section 309(b) of the Clean Water Act alleging that the defendant violated the CWA on numerous occasions. The proposed Consent Decree resolves the CWA liability of Gulf States Steel as alleged in the complaint. The United States also believes that the defendant is liable pursuant to Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), as amended, for costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States Environmental Protection Agency at the Gulf States Steel Superfund Site in Gadsden, Alabama. The proposed Consent Decree resolves certain such liabilities.

Under the Consent Decree, Gulf States Steel agrees to pay a civil penalty to the United States in the amount of \$100,000. In addition, Gulf States Steel agrees to operate its plant in compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, and with the CWA. In addition, Gulf States Steel agrees to undertake certain Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) in the amount of at least \$206 million. These SEPs will result in significant pollution prevention or reduction in excess of Gulf States Steel's legal obligations. In addition, one SEP will result in Gulf States Steel purchasing ecologically-valuable land for perpetual preservation. Gulf States Steel also agrees to pay \$6.54 million for cleanup of Lake Gadsden and Black Creek in Gadsden, Alabama. Gulf States Steel also agrees to purchase or donate appropriate real property for placement of sediments, if needed by EPA, Region 4.

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 for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044; and refer to *United States v. Gulf States Steel, Inc.* DOJ Ref. # 90-5-1-1-4211.

The proposed settlement agreement may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 1800 Fifth Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, and at the office of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$4.25 (25 cents per page reproduction costs).

Joel Gross,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 C.F.R. 50.7, notice is hereby given that a Consent Decree that would resolve the liability of Artemissa Farms, Inc., the last of four defendants in *United States of America v. Jane A. Young, et al.* Civil Action No. 95-4202-JPG (S.D. Ill.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the

Southern District of Illinois on March 15, 2000.

The proposed Consent Decree concerns alleged violations of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311, as a result of the discharge of dredged and fill materials onto approximately 100 acres of wetlands, in Hamilton County, Illinois (the "Site"), which is alleged to constitute "waters of the United States."

The Consent Decree permanently enjoins Artemissa Farms, Inc. from taking any actions, or causing others to take any actions, which result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. The Consent Decree further requires Artemissa Farms, Inc. to pay \$5,000 into an interest-bearing Registry Account of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, to be used to conduct a wetland restoration on the Site.

The Consent Decree also requires Artemissa Farms, Inc., subject to the right of prior approval by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, to convey the Site to an appropriate entity for conservation after the wetland restoration is completed. The purpose of the conveyance is to provide a conservation area in which no development, excavation, or other disturbance will occur. To achieve that end, the conveyance shall contain several restrictions that are set forth in the Consent Decree.

The Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the Consent Decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, Attention: Steven E. Rusak, Senior Attorney, Environmental Defense Section, P.O. Box 23986, Washington, D.C. 20026-3986, and should refer to *United States of America v. Jane A. Young, et. al.*, DJ Reference No. 90-5-1-6-580.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court, United States Courthouse, 301 West Main Street, Benton, Illinois 62812.

Letitia J. Grishaw,

*Chief, Environmental Defense Section,
Environment & Natural Resources Division,
United States Department of Justice.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR part 1, appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used

in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Withdrawn General Wage Determination Decision

This is to advise all interest parties that the Department of Labor is withdrawing, from the date of this notice, the following General Wage Determinations:

NH000011—See NH000003
NH000012—See NH000003
NH000013—See NH000003
NH000014—See NH000003
NH000015—See NH000003
NH000016—See NH000003
IA000076—See IA000018

Contracts for which bids have been opened shall not be affected by this notice. Also, consistent with 29 CFR 1.6(c)(2)(i)(A), when the opening of bids is less than ten (10) days from the date of this notice, this action shall be effected unless the agency finds that there is insufficient time to notify bidders of the change and the finding is documented in the contract file.

New General Wage Determination Decision

The number of the decisions added to the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" are listed by Volume and States: