

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Under 42 U.S.C. 9622(d), notice is hereby given that on February 11, 2004, a proposed First Amended Consent Decree ("Amended Decree") in *United States and People of the State of Illinois, ex rel. Madigan v. Manville Sales Corporation*, Civil Action No. 88C 630, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

In this action, the United States asserted claims under 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607 to require Manville Sales Corporation, now known as Johns Manville, to perform certain response actions and to reimburse response costs incurred by the United States in response to releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances at a facility known as the Johns Manville Waukegan Disposal Area in Waukegan, Illinois (the "Site"). The State of Illinois intervened in the action, which was resolved in March of 1988 through entry of a Consent Decree (the "1988 Decree") that provided for Johns Manville to perform a remedial action that the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") selected in a Record of Decision dated June 30, 1987.

During construction of the remedy required under the 1988 Decree, EPA issued two Explanations of Significant Differences approving changes to certain aspects of the remedy. The Amended Decree provides for implementation of these changes.

Requirements modified or added by the Amended Decree include: (1) Requirements for cleanup of additional on-site areas where asbestos was discovered after entry of the Consent Decree; (2) revised design specifications for "cover" materials required in certain areas of the site; (3) provisions requiring excavation or capping of contaminated sediments in the Industrial Canal and closure of other on-site landfill areas and wastewater treatment system units used in Johns Manville's operations at the Site until 1998; (4) provisions restricting land use to prevent interference with the integrity or protectiveness of the remedy; and (5) provisions requiring that any subsequent conveyances of property at the Site be subject to environmental easements and restrictive covenants. The Amended Decree also updates various provisions of the Consent

Decree to reflect more closely language of EPA's RD/RA Model Consent Decree.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Amended Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Manville Sales Corporation*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-1-7B.

The Amended Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604, and at U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. During the public comment period, the Amended Decree, may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the Amended Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood (tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$35.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury. In requesting a copy exclusive of exhibits and defendants' signatures, please enclose a check in the amount of \$18.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day Emergency Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Open Letter to States With Permits That Appear to Qualify as Alternatives to NICS Checks.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), has submitted the

following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by February 27, 2004. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulation Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until April 20, 2004.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to John A. Spurgeon, Deputy Chief, Firearms Programs, Room 7400, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226.

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 agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Open Letter to States With Permits That Appear to Qualify as Alternatives to NICS Checks.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: None. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: State, Local, or Tribal Government. Other: None. The purpose of this information collection is to ensure that only State permits that meet the statutory requirements contained in the Gun Control Act qualify as alternatives to a National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) check.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that 21 respondents will take 1 hour to prepare a written response to ATF.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There are an estimated 21 annual total burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: February 13, 2004.

Brenda E. Dyer,

Deputy Clearance Officer, Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Public Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA)

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. APP. 1), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA).

TIME AND DATE: The meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, and continue until approximately 5 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10, and continue until approximately 4 p.m.

PLACE: Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel, 101 West Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, Telephone: (410) 752-1100.

The agenda is subject to change due to time constraints and priority items which may come before the Committee between the time of this publication and the scheduled date of the ACA meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Anthony Swoope, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-4671, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-2796 (this is not a toll-free number).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda will focus on a series of status reports from the Committee's subcommittees, and selected presenters on the following topics:

- Status of Recommendations
- Technical Assistance Provider's Bank
- National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) Competency-Based Apprenticeship
- One-Stop System
- Partnerships with Education
- High-Growth Job Training Initiative

STATUS: Members of the public are invited to attend the proceedings. Individuals with special needs should contact Ms. Marion Winters at (202) 693-3786 no later than March 2, 2004, if special accommodations are needed.

Any member of the public who wishes to file written data or comments pertaining to the agenda may do so by forwarding their request to Mr. Anthony Swoope, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-4671, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Such submissions should be sent by March 2, 2004, to be included in the record for the meeting.

Any member of the public who wishes to speak at the meeting should indicate the nature of the intended presentation and the amount of time needed by furnishing a written statement to the Designated Federal Official, Mr. Anthony Swoope, by March 2, 2004. The Chairperson will announce at the beginning of the meeting the extent to which time will permit the granting of such requests.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 13th day of February, 2004.

Emily Stover DeRocco,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration.

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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 are 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