

O'Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202-205-1810).

Background

The initial notice of institution of this investigation was published in the Federal Register of September 8, 1993 (58 FR 47287). The Commission expanded the scope of this investigation to cover service trade in a separate report, which it announced in a notice published in the Federal Register of December 28, 1994 (59 FR 66974). The merchandise trade report has been published in the current series under investigation No. 332-345 annually since September 1993. The report, originally entitled "U.S. Trade Shifts in Selected Commodity Areas, 1992 Annual Report," has undergone a change to more clearly and concisely identify the contents of the report.

As in past years, each report will summarize and provide analyses of the major trade developments that occurred in the preceding year, and is expected to be published in September of each year. The reports will also provide summary trade information and basic statistical profiles of nearly 300 industry/commodity groups.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

In accordance with Department of Justice Policy, 28 C.F.R. 50.7, notice is hereby given that on August 15, 1996, a proposed Consent Decree was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Kansas in *United States v. Farmland Industries, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 96-2360-KHV. The proposed Consent Decree settles claims asserted by the United States at the request of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in a Complaint filed on the same day. The United States filed its complaint pursuant to Section 113(b) of the Clean Air Act ("the Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7413(b), requesting the assessment of civil penalties against Defendant Farmland Industries, Inc. ("Farmland")

for violations of Section 111 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 7411, and of the provisions of the New Source Performance Standards ("NSPS") codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 60, Subparts QQQ and GGG. The United States alleges that the violations occurred in connection with certain equipment at Farmland's Coffeyville, Kansas refinery which is subject to the "Standards of Performance for VOC Emissions from Petroleum Refinery Wastewater Systems," codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 60, Subpart QQQ, and the "Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC in Petroleum Refineries," codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 60, Subpart GGG.

Under the proposed Consent Decree, Farmland will pay a civil penalty of \$780,000 to the United States. Farmland will also purchase equipment and devices that will be installed and operated at Farmland's Coffeyville, Kansas facility as Supplemental Environmental Projects ("SEPs"). These SEPs shall cost a minimum of \$2,150,000 for Farmland to purchase and install. In return for the payments by Farmland, the proposed Consent Decree provides that the settlement resolves the claims alleged by the United States in its complaint, as well as certain other specified claims for violations of 40 C.F.R. Subpart QQQ of the NSPS regulations that occurred at Farmland's Coffeyville, Kansas facility.

The Department of Justice will receive written comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Farmland Industries, Inc.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-1948. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Region VII Office of EPA, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. A copy of the Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 624-0892. In requesting copies, please enclose a check in the amount of \$5.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the "Consent Decree Library."

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Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—"Environmental Research Institute of Michigan"

Notice is hereby given that, on August 5, 1996, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Environmental Research Institute of Michigan, has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties are Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH; Chrysler Corporation, Auburn Hills, MI; Delaware Machinery and Tool Company, Inc., Muncie, IN; Doehler Jarvis, Toledo, OH; EDCO Engineering, Toledo, OH; Environmental Research Institute of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, MI; General Motors Corporation, Warren, MI; Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; Prince Machine, Holland, MI; and its general areas of planned activities is to improve the efficiency of Aluminum Die Casting operations.

Specifically, studies will be conducted to determine the causes of porosity in transmission cases and modifications defined for the production process. A second task on the project will focus on die steel composition and heat treatment procedures in order to improve the useful life of die steels in aluminum die casting applications. The activities of this project are coordinated under the direction of the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV).

Membership in the program remains open, and Environmental Research Institute of Michigan intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in the membership or planned activities.

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Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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