

Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. Under the Decree, potentially responsible parties will, *inter alia*, pay the United States \$637,500 towards past response costs, pay oversight costs up to \$910,000, and agree not to seek any reimbursement from the United States for implementing remedial action pursuant to an administrative order.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for 30 days following the publication of this Notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Amerada Hess Corp., et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-1405. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, 300 Fannin St., Suite 3201, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101-3068; the Region 6 Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005 (202-624-0892). A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy of the proposed Consent Decree, please enclose a check in the amount of \$30.50 (25 cents per page for reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States, et al. versus Montrose Chemical Corporation of California, et al.*, No. CV 90-3122-AAH (C.D. Cal), was lodged on March 25, 1997, with the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The consent decree resolves claims under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, as amended, brought against defendant County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and 150 third-party

defendants for natural resource damages associated with contamination of sediments on the Palos Verdes shelf in the vicinity of Los Angeles, California, and for response costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in connection with responding to the release and threatened release of hazardous substances at the Montrose Chemical National Priorities List Site in Torrance, CA, and at the aforementioned Palos Verdes shelf.

The proposed consent decree provides that the aforementioned entities will collectively pay \$45.7 million to resolve their liability to the United States for natural resource damages and response costs as described above. The proposed consent decree includes a covenant not to sue by the United States under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607, and under Section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6973.

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. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States, et al. versus Montrose Chemical Corporation of California, et al.*, No. CV 90-3122-AAH (C.D. Cal), DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-159 and DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-511.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Central District of California, Federal Building, 300 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012; the Region IX Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting copies please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$67.00 (25 cents per page

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Notice of Extension of Period for Public Comment on Consent Decree Lodged in United States v. Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, No. 93-2527 (D.P.R.)

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Justice will continue to receive, until May 7, 1997, comments relating to the proposed consent decree in *United States v. Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority, No. 93-2527*. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority*, DOJ Ref. Number 90-5-2-1-1750 (PREPA). The notice of lodging of this proposed consent decree was published at 62 FR 5249 (Feb. 4, 1997).

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Degeteau Federal Building, 150 Chardon Avenue, Room 452, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00918; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Centro Europa Building, 1492 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite 417, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00907; the Region II Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10278; and the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, Northwest, Fourth Floor, Washington, District of Columbia 20005, (202) 624-0892. Also, a summary of the consent decree may be examined at the locations previously listed. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy of the consent decree, please refer to the case identified above and enclose a check, payable to the Consent Decree Library, in the amount of \$35.75 for the consent decree only (reproduction costs at twenty-five cents (\$.25) per page) or \$67.50 for both the consent decree and all attachments and appendices to the consent decree (reproduction costs at twenty-five cents (\$.25) per page). A copy of the consent decree summary may also be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy of the consent decree summary, please refer to the case