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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

On June 19, 2013, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed consent decree with the United States District Court for the District of Kansas in the lawsuit entitled *United States et al. v. Ash Grove Cement Company*, Civil Action No. 2:13–cv–02299–JTM–DJW.

The proposed consent decree, if approved by the Court, would require Ash Grove Cement Company (“Ash Grove”) to achieve substantial reductions of nitrogen oxides (“NO<sub>x</sub>”), sulfur dioxide (“SO<sub>2</sub>”), and particulate matter (“PM”) at its nine cement manufacturing plants operating in as many states. The states of Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Utah, Washington and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency are parties to the proposed Decree. To reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, the proposed Decree would require Ash Grove to install new, modern pollution controls on nine of the kilns; shut down two old, inefficient kilns; optimize the operation of two relatively small, older kilns; and meet stringent NO<sub>x</sub> emission limits. The Decree would also require Ash Grove to meet stringent emission limits to reduce SO<sub>2</sub> emissions and would require modern pollution controls to reduce PM emissions at all eleven kilns that will continue to operate. Finally, the Decree would require Ash Grove to pay \$2.5 million in civil penalties and to perform additional projects to replace diesel truck engines with modern, more efficient engines at its plants located in Arkansas, Kansas, and Texas. These truck engine replacements will further reduce NO<sub>x</sub>, PM, and ozone emissions.

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 v. Ash Grove Cement Co.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90–5–2–1–09875. 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:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email .....	<a href="mailto:pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov">pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov</a> .
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 Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/ConsentDecrees.html>. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Announcement Regarding a Change in Eligibility for Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claimants in Alabama, Alaska, Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, the Virgin Islands and Wisconsin in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) Program, and the Federal-State Extended Benefits (EB) Program

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement regarding a change in eligibility for Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants in Alabama, Alaska, Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, the Virgin Islands and Wisconsin in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) program, and the Federal-State Extended Benefits (EB) program.

The U.S. Department of Labor (Department) produces trigger notices indicating which states qualify for both EB and EUC08 benefits, and provides the beginning and ending dates of payable periods for each qualifying state. The trigger notices covering state eligibility for these programs can be found at: [http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims\\_arch.asp](http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp).

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding states EUC08 and EB trigger status:

- Alabama’s trigger value had fallen below the 7.0% threshold and has triggered “off” Tier 3 of EUC08.

Based on data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on March 18, 2013, the three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate (TUR) in Alabama was 6.9%, falling below the 7.0% trigger threshold necessary to remain “on” Tier 3 of EUC08. The week ending April 13, 2013, was the last week in which EUC08 claimants in Alabama could exhaust Tier 2 and establish Tier 3 eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants could receive any remaining entitlement they had for Tier 3 after April 13, 2013.

- Alaska’s insured unemployment rate (IUR) has fallen below the 6.0% trigger threshold and has triggered “off” of EB.

Based on data from Alaska for the week ending April 13, 2013, the 13 week IUR in Alaska fell below the 6.0% trigger threshold necessary to remain “on” EB. The payable period in EB for Alaska ended May 4, 2013.

- Alaska’s IUR has fallen below the 6.0% trigger threshold and has triggered “off” Tier 4 of EUC08.

Based on data from Alaska for the week ending April 13, 2013, the 13 week IUR in Alaska fell below the 6.0% trigger rate threshold to remain “on” Tier 4 of EUC08. The week ending May 4, 2013, was the last week in which EUC08 claimants in Alaska could exhaust Tier 3, and establish Tier 4 eligibility. Under the phase-out provisions, claimants could receive any remaining entitlement they had for Tier 4 after May 4, 2013.

- Delaware’s trigger value exceeds the 7.0% trigger threshold and has triggered “on” Tier 3 of EUC08.