

the meeting will be the status of the implementation of the provisions of the seven consent decrees signed by the United States and diesel engine manufacturers and entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on July 1, 1999, (*United States v. Caterpillar*, Case No. 1:98CV02544; *United States v. Navistar International Transportation Corporation*, Case No. 1:98CV02545; *United States v. Cummings Engine Company*, Case No. 1:98CV02546; *United States v. Detroit Diesel Corporation*, Case No. 1:98CV02548; *United States v. Volvo Truck Corporation*, Case No. 1:98CV2547; *United States v. Renault Vehicles Industries, S.A.*, Case No. 1:98CV02543). In supporting entry by the court of the decrees, the United States committed to meet with States, industry groups, environmental groups, and concerned citizens to discuss consent decree implementation issues.

Future meetings will be announced here and on EPA's Diesel Engine Settlement Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/civil/programs/caa/diesel/index.html>.

Interested parties may contact the Environmental Protection Agency prior to the meeting at the address listed below with questions or suggestions for topics of discussion.

Agenda (Times are approximate).

1. Panel Remarks 10 a.m.

Remarks by DOJ and EPA regarding implementation of the provisions of the diesel engine consent decrees.

2. Public comments and questions.

Adjourn 12 p.m.

For further information, please contact: Anne Wick, EPA Diesel Engine Consent Decree Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Mail Code 2242A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20470, e-mail: wick.anne@epa.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on June 18, 2004, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Mallinckrodt, Inc.* et al., Civil Action No. 4:02CV1488 was lodged with the

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

In this action the United States sought response costs relating to response actions by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at the Great Lakes Container Corporation Superfund Site in St. Louis, Missouri. The Site is a former drum reclamation facility contaminated primarily with lead and polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs"). The settling defendants, Croda Inks Corporation, Engineered Lubricants Co., Gardner Denver, Inc., Jesco Resources, Inc., and the Defense Logistics Agency, sent drums to the facility and thereby contributed small or unknown amounts of lead to the Site. In the proposed consent decree, the settling defendants have agreed to reimburse EPA a total of \$24,197.20 in past response costs. In return, the United States covenants not to sue those parties for their liability related to lead contamination at the Site.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent 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. Mallinckrodt, Inc.* et al., Consent Decree, D.J. Ref. 90-11-3-07280.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, 111 10th Street, St. Louis, Mo 63102 and at U.S. EPA Region VII, U.S. EPA, Region VII, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101, (913) 551-7559. During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, <http://www.usdog.gov/enrd/open.html>. A copy of the Consent 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@usdog.gov), fax number (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 \$6.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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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 supersedeas 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