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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA")

On December 21, 2017, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California that would resolve the lawsuit entitled *United States v. Coast Wood Preserving, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-01720. The proposed Consent Decree was lodged in the related case *State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control Account v. Coast Wood Preserving, et al.*, Civil Action No. CV-F-96-6055, which would also be resolved by the proposed Consent Decree. The Department of Justice has filed a motion requesting that these two cases be considered together by the court for purposes of settlement.

This case involves claims under CERCLA relating to the costs of remediating soil and groundwater contamination at the Coast Wood Preserving Site in Ukiah, California (the "Site"). Under the proposed Consent Decree, Coast Wood Preserving, Inc. agrees to conduct the remaining cleanup work at the Site, to pay \$57,450 for EPA's past response costs incurred in connection with the Site, and to pay any such costs EPA incurs in the future. In exchange, Coast Wood Preserving, Inc. receives a covenant not to sue under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA and Section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"). A group of current and former shareholders and employees of Coast Wood Preserving, Inc.—the Michael Logsdon Wood Trust, the Schmidt Wood Trust, Joyce Logsdon, Eugene E. Pietila, and Robert Schmidt—are also parties to the proposed Consent Decree, and also receive covenants not to sue under CERCLA and RCRA.

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. Coast Wood Preserving, Inc.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-835/3. 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 .....	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail .....	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Under section 7003(d) of RCRA, a commenter may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area.

During the public comment period, the proposed Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. 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 JUSTICE

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

On December 22, 2017, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed modification to a Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana in *United States and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality v. Cabot Corporation*, Civil Case No. 13-3095 (W.D. La.).

The original Consent Decree was entered on March 13, 2014, and resolved civil claims under the Clean Air Act at the Defendant's three carbon

black manufacturing facilities located in Louisiana and Texas. The Consent Decree imposed various pollution control requirements on Defendant's facilities, including requirements related to sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter emissions. At the Canal and Ville Platte facilities in Louisiana, these pollution control requirements included, among other requirements, installation of Wet Gas Scrubber ("WGS") systems designed to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions, and Selective Catalytic Reduction ("SCR") systems to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions. The WGS systems are also expected to result in an ancillary reduction in particulate matter emissions. On May 5, 2017, the Court entered a First Modification of Consent Decree extending certain compliance deadlines in the Consent Decree.

The parties have now agreed to further modify certain Consent Decree deadlines. The modification resolves issues regarding the feasibility of the affected deadlines and resolves a potential dispute between the parties concerning them. The modification does not change Defendant's ultimate obligation to install and operate pollution controls at its facilities.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed further modification to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality v. Cabot Corporation*, Civil Case No. 13-3095 (W.D. La.), D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-10355. 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 .....	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail .....	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611

During the public comment period, the proposed modifications to the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the proposed modifications 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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## **NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

**[NARA–2018–014]**

### **Agency Information Collection**

#### **Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of a request for comments regarding a new information collection.

**SUMMARY:** We are proposing a new generic information collection request (generic ICR) entitled Generic Clearance for NARA Public and Education Program Registration. This notice announces that we plan to submit this generic ICR plan to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act and solicits comments on specific aspects of the collection plan. We will use this to collect information from individuals registering for an education or other program at NARA.

**DATES:** We must receive written comments on or before February 27, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (MP), Room 4100, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740–6001, by fax to 301–837–0319, or by email to [tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov](mailto:tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Tamee Fechhelm by telephone at 301–837–1694 or fax at 301–837–0319 with requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), we invite comments on: (a) Whether collecting this information is necessary for proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our estimate of the information

collection's burden on respondents; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we propose to collect; (d) ways to minimize the burden on respondents of collecting the information, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources people need to provide the information, including time to review instructions, process and maintain the information, search data sources, and respond.

### **Explanation of Generic ICRs**

A generic ICR is a request for OMB to approve a plan for conducting more than one information collection using very similar methods when (1) we can evaluate the need for and the overall practical utility of the data in advance, as part of the review of the proposed plan, but (2) we cannot determine the details of the specific individual collections until a later time. Most generic clearances cover collections that are voluntary, low-burden (based on a consideration of total burden, total respondents, or burden per respondent), and uncontroversial. This notice, for example, describes a general plan to gather registration information from members of the public who wish to participate in programs at NARA, through a series of registration forms used for a variety of current and future education programs at different facilities. As part of this plan, we construct, distribute, and use the registration forms in a similar manner, but customize each one for the type and location of the program involved.

Because we seek public comment on the plan, we do not need to seek public comment on each specific information collection that falls within the plan when we later develop the individual information collection. This saves the Government time and burden, and it streamlines our ability to gather registration information so we can provide more responsive programs. However, we still submit each specific information collection (e.g., each form) to OMB for review, in accordance with the terms of clearance set upon approval of the plan. OMB assesses the individual forms for PRA requirements, ensures that they fit within the scope of this generic ICR plan, and includes the specific forms in the PRA public docket prior to our use of them.

### **Specifics on This Information Collection**

**Title:** Generic Clearance for NARA Public and Education Program Registration.

**Description:** This generic information collection request allows us to gather information from those members of the public who wish to register for public events, education programs, tours, and training sponsored by NARA. We will not use these forms for quantitative information collections designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance.

**Purpose:** Collecting this information allows us to register participants for NARA's public, education, and training programs throughout the agency's locations, and to collect and process credit card payments. The information is also used to develop mailing lists for distribution of education-related information and special NARA training events, based on the request or expressed interest of the person registering. Advance registration allows NARA offices to schedule the tours, training, and events to maximize the participants' time and to accommodate the participants in the space. The information collected from registrants will help ensure that users have an effective, efficient, and satisfying experience with our programs, in compliance with E.O. 12862. Without the ability to collect this information, NARA would not be able to effectively organize events, resulting in possibly turning away members of the public from events that might be overbooked.

**Conditions:** We will submit a specific information collection for approval under this generic clearance only if it meets the following conditions:

- The collection is voluntary;
- The collection is low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and is low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is retained only for the period of time required by NARA records schedules;
- Information gathered will be used only internally for program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency;
- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially