

\$1000.00 to be paid by Defendant William Johnson.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to this proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Please address comments to Jon M. Lipshultz, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Defense Section, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 23986, Washington, D.C. 20026-3986 and refer to *United States v. Johnson*, DJ # 90-5-1-1-05400/1.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 2300 United States Courthouse, One Courthouse Way, Boston, MA 02210-3002.

Letitia J. Grishaw,

*Chief, Environmental Defense Section,
Environment & Natural Resources Division.*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Application by the Denver Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post for Approval of a Joint Newspaper Operating Arrangement

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of public's right to comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Attorney General has received an application for approval of a joint newspaper operating arrangement involving two daily newspapers in Denver, Colorado. The application was filed on May 12, 2000 by The E.W. Scripps Company, whose subsidiary, the Denver Publishing Company, publishes the Denver Rocky Mountain News, and the MediaNews Group, Inc., whose subsidiary, the Denver Post Corporation, publishes The Denver Post. The proposed arrangement provides that the printing and commercial operations of both newspapers would be handled by a third entity, the "Agency" which will be owned by the parties in equal shares. The joint operating agreement provides for the complete independence of the news and editorial departments of the two newspapers.

The Newspaper Preservation Act, 15 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, requires that joint newspaper operating arrangements such as that proposed by the Denver newspapers have the prior written consent of the Attorney General of the United States in order to qualify for the antitrust exemption provided by the Act. Before granting her consent, the

Attorney General must find that one of the publications is a failing newspaper and that approval of the arrangement would effectuate the policy and purpose of the Act. Any person with views about the proposed arrangement may file written comments stating the reasons why approval should or should not be granted, or requesting that a hearing be held on the application. A request for hearing must set forth the issues of fact to be determined and the reason that a hearing is believed necessary to determine them.

All correspondence to the Department of Justice, the Attorney General and other Senior Department Officials commenting on the proposed JOA will be placed in the public file and made available as described below.

DATES AND PLACE FOR FILING: Comments shall be filed by mailing or delivering five copies to the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and must be received by July 10, 2000. Replies to any comments filed on or before that date may be filed on or before August 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: In accordance with the Newspaper Preservation Act Regulations, at 28 CFR Part 48, copies of the proposed arrangement and other materials filed by the newspapers in support of the application are available for public inspection in the main offices of the newspapers involved. In addition, these materials plus any filed comments are available for public inspection in the Department of Justice, National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1220, Washington, DC 20530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart Frisch, General Counsel, Justice Management Division, 202-514-3452.

Dated: June 6, 2000.

Stephen R. Colgate,

Assistant Attorney General for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging Proposed Consent Decree

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28, CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Dyer*, Civil Action No. 00CV11013 (D. Mass.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts on May 23, 2000. This proposed Consent Decree

concerns a complaint filed by the United States against Bruce S. Dyer and the Holly Farms Nominee Trust, pursuant to section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), to obtain injunctive relief from, and impose civil penalties against the Defendants for the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the United States at portions of an approximately 107 acre parcel of land located at 36 Holly Lane in Bridgewater, Massachusetts where a cranberry farm now exists.

The proposed Consent Decree prohibits the discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States without authorization by the United States Department of the Army Corps of Engineers and requires Defendants, at their own expense and at the direction of EPA, to restore and/or mitigate the damages caused by their unlawful activities. This proposed Consent Decree further requires Defendants to pay civil penalties to the United States as follows: two thousand dollars (\$2,000) within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of this Consent Decree; three thousand dollars (\$3,000) at the one year anniversary of the date of entry; three thousand dollars (\$3,000) at the two year anniversary of the date of entry; and four thousand dollars (\$4,000) at the four year anniversary of the date of entry.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

In accordance with Department of Justice policy codified at 28 CFR 50.7