

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act**

On November 23, 2015, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed partial consent decree with the United States District Court for the District of Arizona in *El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC v. United States of America, et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:14-cv-08165-DGC.

The proposed consent decree would resolve the claims of the United States included in this action for the past response costs incurred by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in addressing the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at and from 19 historical uranium mines located on the Navajo Nation Reservation in and around Cameron, Arizona ("the Mine Sites"). The Mine Sites are a subset of a larger number of abandoned uranium mines on Navajo lands. The United States included a claim for recovery of its response costs at the Mine Sites under section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) in a counterclaim it brought against El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC ("EPNG") in this action after EPNG sued the United States under sections 107 and 113 of CERCLA to recover EPNG's response costs at the Mine Sites. Under the consent decree, EPNG will pay the United States \$502,500, plus interest, to be deposited in an EPA special account for cleanup of the Mine Sites. In return, the United States agrees not to sue EPNG under section 107 of CERCLA for EPA's past response costs incurred in connection with the Mine Sites. The consent decree is a partial settlement in that it would not resolve, and would be without prejudice to, the claims EPNG asserted against the United States in this action, or the portion of the United States' counterclaim asserting that EPNG is liable to the United States in contribution under section 113 of CERCLA. Nor does the consent decree address response costs incurred and to be incurred in cleaning up hazardous substances at or from other abandoned uranium mines located on the Navajo Nation that are not involved in this action.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural

Resources Division, and should refer to *El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC v. United States of America, et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-3-11170. 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 consent decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department Web site: <http://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the 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.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$7.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice (15-109)]

**Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive license in the United States to practice the inventions described and claimed in USPN 8,343,740, Micro-Organ Device, NASA Case No. MSC-23988-1; USPN 8,580,546, Micro-Organ Device, NASA Case No. MSC-23988-2; and USPN 9,023,642, Miniature Bioreactor System for Long Term Cell Culture, NASA Case No. MSC-24210-1 to GRoK Technologies, LLC, having its principal

place of business in Houston, Texas. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The prospective exclusive license will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

**DATES:** The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice, NASA receives written objections including evidence and argument that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. Competing applications completed and received by NASA within fifteen (15) days of the date of this published notice will also be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license.

Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

**ADDRESSES:** Objections relating to the prospective license may be submitted to Patent Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, NASA Johnson Space Center, 2101 NASA Parkway, Mail Code AL, Houston, Texas 77058; Phone (281) 483-3021; Fax (281) 483-6936.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Michelle P. Lewis, Technology Transfer and Commercialization Office, NASA Johnson Space Center, 2101 NASA Parkway, Mail Code AO52, Houston, TX 77058, (281) 483-8051. Information about other NASA inventions available for licensing can be found online at <http://technology.nasa.gov>.

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice 15-112]

**Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive Patent License**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive Patent License

**SUMMARY:** This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). NASA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant a partially