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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Pursuant to Section 122(d)(2) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 966(d)(2), and 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on March 1, 2000, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. James E. Nichols, et al.* Civil Action No. IP97-2007 C, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana for a period of thirty days to facilitate public comment.

This Consent Decree represents a settlement of claims of the United States against Denver Smith and Rex A. Warthen ("Settling Defendants"), for reimbursement of response costs in connection with the Custom Finishing Site ("Site") pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* Under this settlement with the United States, the Settling Defendants will pay \$160,000, plus interest, for reimbursement of past response costs in connection with the Custom Finishing Site ("Site") pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of Thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resource Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. James E. Nichols, et al.*, DOJ No., 90-11-3-1766.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, U.S. Courthouse, Fifth Floor, 46 East Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317/226-6333), and at the Region 5 Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 77

West Jackson Boulevard (312/886-6630).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on March 3, 2000, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States of America and County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania v. Shenango Incorporated*, Civil Action 80-1172, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

In this action the United States sought civil contempt for violations of a Consent Decree between the same parties that resolved a prior civil contempt action in the same case (1993 Decree). The newly lodged Consent Decree is proposed to resolve Shenango's alleged violations of the 1993 Decree, which incorporates Allegheny County regulations enforceable under the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401, *et seq.*

The site of the alleged violations is Shenango's coke oven battery on Neville Island, located in the Ohio River approximately five miles from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In settlement, Shenango will pay a civil penalty of \$2,100,000 and accept a mandatory injunction. Under the injunction, Shenango is required to continue with major renovations to its desulfurization system and to make formal and improve a program designed to reduce or eliminate violations of Allegheny County's visible emission standard for coke oven combustion stacks. Further, Shenango has agreed to substantial stipulated penalties for any future violations of Allegheny County's desulfurization and combustion stack visible emission standards.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 2004-7611, and should refer to *United States et al. v. Shenango Incorporated*, DOJ Ref. #90-5-2-3-1099/1.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Western District of

Pennsylvania, 633 U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, 7th and Grant Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219, the Region III Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, and the Allegheny County Health Department Library, Building #7, 301 39th Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15201-1891 (between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.) A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611. The proposed Consent Decree contains 119 pages, including attachments. To obtain the Consent Decree without attachments, please enclose a check for \$19.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library. To obtain the entire Decree, including attachments, please enclose a check to the Consent Decree Library in the amount of \$29.75. In all correspondence, please refer to the case by its title and DOJ Ref. #90-5-2-3-1099/1.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

109th Full Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plan; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the 109th open meeting of the full Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans will be held Monday, April 3, 2000, in Room S-2508, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Third and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

The purpose of the meeting, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 3:00 p.m., is to consider the items listed below:

- I. Welcome and Introduction and Swearing In of New Council Members
- II. Report from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA)
 - A. PWBA Priorities for 1999
 - B. Announcement of Council Chair

- and Vice Chair
- III. Introduction of PWBA Senior Staff
- IV. Summary of the Final Reports Made by Advisory Council Working Groups for the 1999 Term
- V. Determination of Topics to Be Addressed by Council Working Groups for 2000
- VI. Statements from the General Public
- VII. Adjournment

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to any topics the Council may wish to study for the year concerning ERISA by submitting 20 copies on or before March 28, 2000 to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, suite N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Advisory Council should forward their requests to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to ten minutes, time permitting, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by March 28 at the address indicated.

Organizations or individuals may also submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before March 28, 2000.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of March 2000.

Leslie Kramerich,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in

accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the NEA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection of: Blanket Justification for NEA Funding Application Guidelines FY 2000-FY 2004. A copy of the current information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the address section below on or before May 15, 2000. The NEA is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: A.B. Spellman, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 516, Washington, DC 20506-0001, telephone (202) 682-5421 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 682-5049.

Murray Welsh,

Director, Administrative Services, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Extend an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by May 15, 2000, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 306-1125 x 2017; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Request for Proposals.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0080.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2000.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

Proposed Project: The Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Subpart 15.4—"Solicitation and Receipt of Proposals" prescribes policies and procedures for preparing and issuing Requests for Proposals. The FAR System has been developed in accordance with the requirement of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act of 1974, as amended. The NSF Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1870, Sec. II, states that NSF has the authority to:

(c) Enter into contracts or other arrangements, or modifications thereof,