

of \$85,937.50 for settlement of the claims in the United States' complaint, and Cenex will pay \$85,937.50 for settlement of claims raised by the State of Montana. Cenex also will perform environmentally beneficial projects. The State of Montana will join in this settlement as a signatory of the Consent Decree.

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, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States, et al., v. CHS Inc.*, D.J. Ref. 90-5-2-1-07726.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 2929 3rd Ave North, Suite 400, Billings, MT 59101 (attn: Lorraine Gallinger), and at U.S. EPA Region 8, 999 18th Street Suite 300, Denver, CO 80202-2466 (attn: David Rochlin). During the public comment period, the Consent Decree, may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, <http://www.usdoj.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@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy of the Consent Decree from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$40.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. 50.7 and Section 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622, notice is hereby given that on September 25, 2003, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Horsehead Industries, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:CV-98-0654, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

In this action, the United States sought under Section 107 and 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C 9607 and 9613, to recover past and future response costs incurred by EPA at the Palmerton Zinc Pile Superfund Site ("Site") located in and around the Borough of Palmerton, Carbon County, Pennsylvania.

The Site consists of a broad area impacted by emissions of contaminants from zinc smelting and recovery operations. For purposes of remediation, EPA divided the Site into four operable units. OU-1 consists of approximately 2,000 acres of Blue Mountain defoliated by heavy metals and other airborne contaminants. A portion of the area within OU-1 overlaps the Appalachian Trail and is owned and managed by the Department of the Interior ("DOI") through the National Park Service ("NPS"). OU-2 consists of an approximately 2½ mile long, ten story high, "Cinder Bank" which is composed of smelting residues and other zinc processing byproducts deposited along the base of Blue Mountain. OU-3 consists of soil contamination in the valley between Blue Mountain and Stoney Ridge, which includes the Borough of Palmerton itself. OU-4 consists primarily of area-wide surface water and groundwater contamination.

The proposed Consent Decree requires Settling Defendants to pay approximately \$12.85 million in reimbursement of past response costs incurred by EPA. In addition, Settling Defendant agree to implement the remedial actions at OU-1 and OU-3, and to perform the operation and maintenance activities at OU-2, at a projected costs of \$27 million. Settling Defendants also agree to pay DOI \$700,000 for past and future costs related to OU-1. Finally, Settling Defendants agree to dismiss counterclaims that they filed against the United States under Sections 107 and 113 of CERCLA. The United States reserves all rights to pursue additional actions against the Settling Defendants with respect to the portions of the Site not addressed in this settlement.

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. Horsehead Industries, Inc. et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-2-271m.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Federal Courthouse Building, 228 Walnut Street, Suite 220, Harrisburg, PA 17108, and at U.S. EPA Region III, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029. During the public comment period, the Consent Decree, may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, <http://www.usdoj.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@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy of the Consent Decree from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$33.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury. Copies of the appendices to the Consent Decree are also available at an additional charge of 25 cents per page.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that on September 25, 2003, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. City of Long Beach, California*, Civil Action No. CV 01-08790 PA (RCx) was lodged with the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

In this action the United States sought to recover unpaid response costs, pursuant to Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, ("CERCLA") incurred by the Environmental Protection Agency in connection with the release of hazardous substances at the Enviropur West Corporation Superfund Site, located in Signal Hill, California. Under the proposed Consent Decree, the City will pay \$290,000 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund to

reimburse the United States for a portion of its past response costs.

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. City of Long Beach, California*, D.J. Ref. #90-11-3-1656/2.

The Consent Decree may be examined at U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. During the public comment period, the Consent Decree, may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, <http://www.usdoj.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@usdoj.gov), fax no. (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 \$5.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance 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)(2)(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. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the "Multiple Worksite Report and the Report of Federal Employment and Wages." A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice on or before December 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 4080, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20212, telephone number (202) 691-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy A. Hobby, BLS Clearance Officer, telephone number (202) 691-7628. (See **ADDRESSES** section).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Covered Employment and Wages (ES-202) Program is a Federal/State cooperative effort which compiles monthly employment data, quarterly wage data, and business identification information from employers subject to State Unemployment Insurance (UI) laws. These data are collected from State Quarterly Contribution Reports (QCRs) submitted to State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs). The States send micro-level employment and wages data, supplemented with the names, addresses, and business identification information of these employers, to the BLS. The State data are used to create the BLS sampling frame, known as the Business Establishment List. This file represents the best source of detailed industrial and geographical data on employers and is used as the sampling frame for most BLS surveys. The Business Establishment List includes the individual employers' employment and wages data along with associated business identification information that is maintained by each State to administer the UI program as well as the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program.

The ES-202 Report, produced for each calendar quarter, is a summary of these employer (micro-level) data by industry at the county level. Similar data for Federal Government employees covered by the UCFE Program also are included in each State report. These

data are submitted by all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to the BLS which then summarizes these macro-level data to produce totals for the States and the Nation. The ES-202 Report provides a virtual census of nonagricultural employees and their wages, with about 47 percent of the workers in agriculture covered as well.

For employers having only a single physical location (worksite) in the State and, thus, operating under a single assigned industrial and geographical code, the data from the States' UI accounting files are sufficient for statistical purposes. Such data, however, are not sufficient for statistical purposes for those employers having multiple establishments or engaged in different industrial activities within the State. In such cases, the employer's QCR reflects only statewide employment and wages and is not disaggregated by establishment or worksite. Although data at this level are sufficient for many purposes of the UI Program, more detailed information is required to create a sampling frame and to meet the needs of several ongoing Federal/State statistical programs. The Multiple Worksite Report (MWR) is designed to supplement the QCR when more detailed information is needed.

As a result of the MWR, improved establishment business identification data elements have been incorporated into and maintained on the Business Establishment List. The MWR collects a physical location address, secondary name (trade name, division, subsidiary, etc.), and reporting unit description (store number, plant name or number, etc.) for each worksite of multi-establishment employers.

Employers with more than one establishment reporting under the same UI account number within a State are requested to complete the MWR if the sum of the employment in all of their secondary establishments is 10 or greater. The primary worksite is defined as the establishment with the greatest number of employees. Upon receipt of the first MWR form, each employer is requested to supply business location identification information. Thereafter, this reported information is computer printed on the MWR each quarter. The employer is requested to verify the accuracy of this business location identification information and to provide only the employment and wages for each worksite for that quarter. By using a standardized form, the reporting burden on many large employers, especially those engaged in multiple economic activities at various