

Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866 (contact Assistant Regional Counsel Patricia Hick). A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$7.50 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Air Act

In accordance with 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on February 1, 2001, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America*, Civil Action No. 99-S-2419, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

In this action, the United States sought civil penalties for alleged violations of Section 113(b) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. 7413(b), resulting from the alleged failure of Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (NGPL) to obtain a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) before construction in May 1979 of a natural gas compressor station, the Akron Compressor Station (also known as the "Niobrara Compressor Station"), located in Washington County, Colorado. The United States also alleges that NGPL operated the Akron Compressor Station as a major stationary source in violation of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. 7413, without an appropriate PSD permit, and without application of best available control technology.

Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, NGPL will pay a civil penalty of \$215,000 for alleged violations of the CAA PSD program, and implement a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) that will be valued at \$100,000 in order to resolve the United States' claims. The SEP requires NGPL to install equipment on two gas-fired compressor engines at the Crystal River Compressor Station in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and on two gas-fired compressor engines at the Well Draw Compressor Station in

Converse County, Wyoming. When the SEP is completed, total nitrogen oxide (NO_x) reductions at the two stations are expected to be about 400 tons per year (TPY). The proposed consent decree does not require that NGPL take any injunctive measures because NGPL no longer owns the Akron Compressor Station at issue in this case.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed consent decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. Comments should be addressed to the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America*, Civil Action No. 99-S-2419, and Department of Justice Reference No. 90-5-2-1-06728.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 1225 17th Street, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202; and at U.S. EPA Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$7.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—VSI Alliance

Notice is hereby given that, on October 26, 2000, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), VSI Alliance has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Steve Burchfiel, Austin, TX; Canon, Inc., Kawasaki, JAPAN; Embedded Solutions Ltd., Oxford,

UNITED KINGDOM; eSilicon Corp., Palo Alto, CA; Duolog Technologies Limited, Dublin, IRELAND; Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, CA; Edward Lee, Berkeley, CA; Ian Mackintosh, San Jose, CA; Nsine Limited, Reading, UNITED KINGDOM; NurLogic Design, Inc., San Diego, CA; Semiconductor Technology Academic Research Center (STARC), Tokyo, JAPAN; The Athena Group, Inc., Gainesville, FL; and Verisity Design, Inc., Mountain View, CA have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Advanced Bytes & Rights Ltd., Bristol, UNITED KINGDOM; Cogency Technology, Inc., Toronto, Ontario, CANADA; EnThink, Inc., Santa Clara, CA; Institute of Microelectronics, Singapore, SINGAPORE; Integrated Chipware, Reston, VA; Seagate Technology, Scotts Valley, CA; Synthesis Corp., Osaka, JAPAN; and Unisys Corp., San Diego, CA have been dropped as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and VSI Alliance intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 29, 1996, VSI Alliance filed its original notification pursuant to section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on March 4, 1997 (62 FR 9812).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 13, 2000. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 3, 2000 (65 FR 59018).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Requested

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; Extension of a currently approved collection; Application for procurement quota for controlled substances (DEA Form 250).

The Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), has submitted the following information collection request for review and