

on or before January 3, 2000, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigations. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

**Authority:** These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.12 of the Commission's rules.

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By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of a Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Abex Aerospace Division, et al.*, Civil No. 00-12471 CAS, was lodged on Nov. 24, 2000, with the United States District Court for the Central District of California ("Abex Decree"). The proposed Consent Decree would resolve certain claims under sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607, as amended, as well as certain claims under Section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6973, brought against 120 defendants (collectively "Settling Defendants"), to recover response costs incurred by the Environmental Protection Agency and to undertake

certain response actions in connection with the release of hazardous substances at a portion of the Omega chemical Corporation Superfund Site ("Site"). The Settling Defendants are liable as persons who arranged for the disposal or treatment of hazardous substances (or waste) or who arranged for transport for disposal or treatment of such substances at the Site, or as a person who accepted hazardous substances (or waste) for transport to the Site, or succeeded to the liabilities of persons who made such arrangements or accepted hazardous substances (or waste) for transport.

Under the proposed Consent Decree, the Settling Defendants will pay \$282,636 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund to reimburse the United States for Past Response Costs through May 1999, plus interest, and all Oversight Costs. In addition, under the proposed Consent Decree, the Settling Defendants have agreed to perform certain response actions at the Site.

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, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Abex Aerospace, et al.*, C.D. CA, Civil No. 00-12471 CAS, DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-06529. Commenters may request an opportunity for a public meeting in the affected area, in accordance with Section 7003(d) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973(d).

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Region 9 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 and the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, Federal Building 300 North Los Angeles Street, Room 7516, Los Angeles, CA 90012 c/o Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence Kole. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, Post Office Box 7611, Washington, D.C. 20044. In requesting copies please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$43.75 (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 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

In accordance with Department of Justice policy, 28 CFR 50.7., notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in the action entitled *United States of America v. Chemical Leaman Tank Lines, Inc.* (Civil No. 00CV5715 (SSB)), was lodged on November 21, 2000, with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. The proposed consent decree resolves claims of the United States and the State of New Jersey under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9607, against Chemical Leaman Tank Lines, Inc. (hereinafter, defendant) for natural resources damages with respect to the Chemical Leaman Tank Lines Superfund Site ("Site") in Logan Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey.

Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, defendant will pay the Natural Resources Trustees for the United States and for the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("State") the total sum of \$4,200,000, for reimbursement of assessment costs and damages to natural resources at the Site. Of the total sum, assessment costs to be paid to the United States and to the States are \$27,739.00 and \$20,000.00 respectively. Of the total sum, the United States will receive \$500,000.00 and the State will receive \$3,652,261.00 for natural resources damages. Pursuant to a Cooperative Agreement to be entered into between the United States and the State, all monies paid pursuant to the Consent Decree, except for the monies paid for assessment costs, shall only be spent for the purchase of and restoration of wetlands and associated uplands; lands to be acquired will require unanimous consent of the United States and State Trustees.

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, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States of America v. Chemical Leaman Tank Lines, Inc.* (Civil No. 00CV5715 (SSB)), DOJ Ref. No. 90-11-2-296/1.