

same mail delivery problems referred to in the previous paragraph, any comments submitted pursuant to the previous notice through the U.S. Postal Service are not expected to be received in a timely manner. In order to ensure that all comments are considered, any persons who submitted comments via the U.S. Postal Service pursuant to the previous notice are advised to resubmit those comments by one of the methods specified in the previous paragraph.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana, 777 Florida St., Ste 208, Baton Rouge, LA 70801, and at the Region 6 office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may also be obtained by faxing a request to Tonia Fleetwood, Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, fax no. (202) 616-6584; phone confirmation no. (202) 514-1547. There is a charge for the copy (25 cent per page reproduction cost). Upon requesting a copy, please mail a check in the amount of \$67.75 payable to the "U.S. Treasury" to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. The check should refer to *United States and Louisiana v. Baton Rouge*, No. 01-978-B-M-3 (M.D. La.), DOJ Ref. # 90-5-1-2769/1.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

In accordance with Departmental policy and 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Corning, Inc. and First Piedmont Corp.*, Civil Action No. 4:01CV00062, was lodged on October 30, 2001 with the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia. The consent decree resolves the United States' claims against defendants with respect to past costs incurred in response to contamination at the First Piedmont Rock Quarry (Route 719) Site in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, pursuant to Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9607.

Under the consent decree, defendants will pay the United States \$973,095 in reimbursement of past response costs incurred in connection with the Site. Said amount will be paid within thirty (30) days after entry of the consent decree by the Court. As part of the proposed settlement, defendants will receive a covenant not to sue for and contribution protection for past response costs.

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 relating to the proposed consent decree that were previously submitted during the original comment period. Any persons who previously submitted comments should resubmit those comments. As a result of the discovery of anthrax contamination at the District of Columbia mail processing center in mid-October, 2001, the delivery of regular first-class mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service has been disrupted. Consequently, public comments which are addressed to the Department of Justice in Washington, DC and sent by regular, first-class mail through the U.S. Postal Service are not expected to be received in a timely manner. Therefore, comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, and sent: (1) c/o Natalie Katz, USEPA Region III (3RC42), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 and/or (2) by facsimile to (202) 353-0296; and/or (3) by overnight delivery, other than through the U.S. Postal Service, to Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. Each communication should refer on its face to *United States v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Corning, Inc. and First Piedmont Corp.*, DOJ # 90-11-3-07144.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, 105 Franklin Road, SW., Suite One, Roanoke, Virginia 24008 and at the Region 3 office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may also be obtained by faxing a request to Tonia Fleetwood, Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, fax no. (202) 616-6584; phone confirmation no. (202) 514-1547. There is a charge for the copy (25 cent per page reproduction cost). Upon requesting a copy, please mail a check payable to the "U.S. Treasury", in the amount of \$4.75, to:

Consent Decree Library, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. The check should refer to *United States v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Corning, Inc. and First Piedmont Corp.*, DOJ # 90-11-3-07144.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Resolving U.S. v. IBP Inc. (D. Nebraska)

Notice is hereby given that the United States, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), intends, on or before February 4, 2002, to move for entry of the Consent Decree lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska on October 12, 2001. This Consent Decree, together with the Partial Consent Decree for Interim Injunctive Relief previously entered in this case, will fully resolve the United States' Complaint filed on January 12, 2000, in the District of Nebraska, alleging violations by IBP, inc. [sic] ("IBP") of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*; the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311 *et seq.*; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*; and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act, 42 U.S.C. 11001 *et seq.*, at its Dakota City Nebraska slaughterhouse facility.

Notice of the lodging of the Consent Decree was previously published in the **Federal Register** on November 15, 2001 (Volume 66, Number 221, Page 57484), triggering a thirty-day public comment period that expired on December 15, 2001. One set of comments was received during this period by facsimile transmission on December 12, 2001, from a Nebraska group called Citizens Promoting Environmental Stewardship, to which the United States will respond in connection with its motion to enter the Consent Decree. However, as a result of the discovery of anthrax contamination at the District of Columbia mail processing center, the delivery of regular first-class mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service has been disrupted. Consequently, any additional public comments on the proposed Consent Decree that were timely sent to

the Department of Justice in Washington, DC, by regular, first-class mail through the U.S. Postal Service, but not sent by additional means such as overnight or facsimile transmission, have not been received. This notice, therefore, is intended to advise any such commenters that their comments on the Proposed Consent Decree have not been received to date. Any previously submitted comments thus should be re-submitted by January 31, 2002, addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, and sent: (1) c/o Howard Bunch, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII, 901 N. 5th St., Kansas City, Kansas 66101 and/or (2) by facsimile to (202) 353-0296; and/or (3) by overnight delivery, other than through the U.S. Postal Service, to Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. Each communication should refer on its face to *United States v. IBP*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-3-06517/1. Any such re-submitted comments will be evaluated and responded to prior to any final decision by the United States to move to enter the Consent Decree.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons

AGENCY: United States Department of Justice.

ACTION: Policy guidance document.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) is republishing for additional public comment policy guidance on Title VI's prohibition against national origin discrimination as it affects limited English proficient persons.

DATES: This guidance was effective January 19, 2001. Comments must be submitted on or before February 19, 2002. DOJ will review all comments and will determine what modifications to the policy guidance, if any, are necessary.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Ms. Merrily

Friedlander, Chief, Coordination and Review Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530; Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at 202-307-0595.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christine Stoneman or Sebastian Aloat at the Civil Rights Division, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20530. Telephone 202-307-2222; TDD: 202-307-2678. Arrangements to receive the policy in an alternative format may be made by contacting the named individuals.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, *et seq.* and its implementing regulations provide that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin under any program or activity that receives federal financial assistance.

The purpose of this policy guidance is to clarify the responsibilities of recipients of federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) ("recipients"), and assist them in fulfilling their responsibilities to limited English proficient (LEP) persons, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and implementing regulations. The policy guidance reiterates DOJ's longstanding position that in order to avoid discrimination against LEP persons on the ground of national origin, recipients must take reasonable steps to ensure that such persons have meaningful access to the programs, services, and information those recipients provide, free of charge.

This document was originally published on January 16, 2001. See 66 FR 3834. The document was based on the policy guidance issued by the Department of Justice entitled "Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964—National Origin Discrimination Against Persons with Limited English Proficiency." 65 FR 50123 (August 16, 2000).

On October 26, 2001 and January 11, 2002, the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division issued to federal departments and agencies guidance memoranda, which reaffirmed the Department of Justice's commitment to ensuring that federally assisted programs and activities fulfill their LEP responsibilities and which clarified and answered certain questions raised regarding the August 16th publication. The Department of Justice is presently reviewing its original January 16, 2001 publication in light of these clarifications to determine whether there is a need to clarify or modify the January 16th guidance. In furtherance of

those memoranda, the Department of Justice is republishing its guidance for the purpose of obtaining additional public comment.

The policy guidance includes appendices. Appendix A provides examples of how this guidance would apply to DOJ recipients. Appendix B provides further information on the legal bases for the guidance. It also explains further who is covered by this guidance. The text of the complete guidance document, including appendices, appears below.

Dated: January 15, 2002.

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I. Introduction

For most people living in the United States, English is their native language or they have learned to read, speak, and understand English. There are others for whom English is not their primary language. If they also have limited ability to read, speak, or understand English, then these people are limited English proficient, or "LEP." For them, language can be a barrier to accessing benefits or services, understanding and exercising important rights, or understanding other information provided by federally funded programs and activities.

This guidance ("Guidance") is based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and regulations that implement Title VI. Title VI was intended to eliminate barriers based on race, color, and national origin in federally assisted programs or activities. In certain circumstances, failing to ensure that LEP persons can effectively participate in or benefit from federally assisted programs and activities or imposing additional burdens on LEP persons is national origin discrimination. Therefore, recipients must take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access for LEP persons.

In August, 2000, the President signed Executive Order 13166. Under that order, every federal agency that provides financial assistance to non-federal entities must create guidance on how their recipients can provide meaningful access to LEP persons and therefore comply with the longstanding Title VI law and its regulations. DOJ is issuing this Guidance to comply with the Executive Order. The guidance document is new, but Title VI's meaningful access requirement is not.

This Guidance should help recipients of Department of Justice (DOJ) financial assistance understand how to comply with the law. Recipients have a great