

human environment. CEQA (California Public Resources Code [CCR], Section 15222 [State CEQA Guidelines]) requires State agencies complete a similar review of how their actions could affect the environment. As required by NEPA and CEQA, Reclamation and DWR will analyze in the EIS/EIR the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects that may result from implementation of the proposed action and alternatives, which may include, but are not limited to, the following areas of potential impact:

- a. Water resources, including groundwater;
- b. Flood control;
- c. Land use, including agricultural resources;
- d. Socioeconomics;
- e. Environmental justice;
- f. Biological resources, including fish, wildlife, and plant species;
- g. Cultural resources;
- h. Hydrology/water quality;
- i. Air quality;
- j. Power/energy and natural resources;
- k. Public services and utilities;
- l. Hazards and hazardous materials;
- m. Geology, soils, and mineral resources;
- n. Visual, scenic, or aesthetic resources;
- o. Global climate change/greenhouse gas emissions;
- p. Indian trust assets;
- q. Noise;
- r. Population and housing;
- s. Transportation; and
- t. Recreation.

VII. Request for Comments

The purposes of this notice are:

- To advise other agencies, potentially affected local governments, tribes, and the public of our intent to prepare an EIS/EIR;
- To obtain suggestions and information from other agencies, interested parties, and the public on the scope of alternatives and issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR; and
- To identify important issues raised by the public related to the development and implementation of the proposed action.

We invite written comments from interested parties to ensure that the full range of alternatives and issues related to the development of the proposed action are identified. Written comments may be submitted by mail, electronic mail, facsimile transmission or in person (see **ADDRESSES** above). Comments and participation in the scoping process are encouraged.

VIII. Public Disclosure

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

IX. How To Request Reasonable Accommodation

If special assistance is required at one of the scoping meetings, please contact Traci Michel at the information provided above, or TDD 916–978–5808, at least five working days before the meetings. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

On February 26, 2013, the Department of Justice lodged proposed *de minimis* consent decrees with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri in the lawsuit entitled *United States v. Amsted Industries, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:13–cv–00040.

In this action the United States is seeking response costs pursuant to Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. 9607, for costs incurred in response to releases of hazardous substances at the Missouri Electric Works Superfund Site (“the Site”), in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The proposed consent decrees will resolve the United States’ claims against the sixteen *de minimis* defendants (Amsted Industries, Inc., Atlas Alchem Plastics, Inc., Chase Resorts, Inc., EcReCon, Inc., Electric Plant Board of the City of Mayfield, KY, Exxon Mobil Corp., Independent Electric Machinery Co., City of Jacksonville, IL, Joliet Equipment Co., Mount Carmel Public Utility, City of Mount Vernon, MO, City of New

Madrid, MO, Pet Inc., City of Seymour, MO, Tipmont Rural Electric Membership Corp., and City of West Plains, MO) under Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607, at the Site. Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, all sixteen defendants will make cash payments that collectively total \$1.12 million to the United States. In return, the United States will grant all defendants covenants not to sue under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the consent decrees. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States v. Amsted Industries, Inc. et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90–11–2–614/2. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By email ...	<i>pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov.</i>
By mail	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

During the public comment period, the consent decrees may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department Web site: http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html. We will provide a paper copy of the consent decrees upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$14.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

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