

incurred and to be incurred by the United States and the State of New Jersey in connection with the Ellis Property Superfund Site ("Site") in Burlington County, New Jersey.

Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, Mr. Ellis, the owner of the Site, will sell the Site after its remediation and pay 43 percent of the proceeds of the sale to the United States and 17 percent of the proceeds to the State of New Jersey in reimbursement of 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 proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States and State of New Jersey versus Irving I. Ellis*, Civil Action No. 93-1661 (GEB), DOJ Ref. No. 90-11-3-1140.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 970 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102; the Region II Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866; and the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, telephone (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$7.25 (25 cents per page reproduction costs) made payable to Consent Decree Library.

Joel Gross,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,
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Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980

Consistent with Departmental Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on January 13, 1997, a proposed consent decree in *United States of America v. Monsanto Company, et al.*, Civil Action No. 97-110 (DRD), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. The United States' complaint sought recovery of response costs under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability

Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601, *et seq.*, against three corporations responsible for hazardous substances found at the White Chemical Corporation Superfund Site located at 660 Frelinghuysen Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

The consent decree provides that the settling defendants will reimburse the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for \$600,000 in past response costs incurred by the United States in connection with the White Chemical Corporation Superfund Site. In addition, the consent decree provides that the defendants will dismiss their petitions submitted to EPA pursuant to Section 106(b)(2)(A) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606(b)(2)(A), for reimbursement of costs of compliance with an administrative order issued by EPA Region II under CERCLA Section 106(a).

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 Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530 and should refer to *United States v. Monsanto Company et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-2-642A.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, 970 Broad St., Room 502, Newark, N.J. 07102 and at the Region II office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278. The proposed consent decree may also be examined at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005 (202-624-0892). A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$4.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the "Consent Decree Library."

Bruce S. Gelber,

Deputy Chief, Environmental Enforcement
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Division.

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Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to Multiple Environmental Statutes

In accordance with United States Department of Justice policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Puerto Rico Electric Power*

Authority, No. 93-2527, was lodged on January 10, 1997, with the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. The consent decree resolves the United States' claims against the Puerto Rico Electric Authority ("PREPA") that are identified in a complaint filed on October 27, 1993. In that complaint, the United States cited PREPA for violations of multiple federal and Commonwealth environmental statutes and regulations, including: (1) the air quality and emission limitations requirements of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401-7431; (2) the effluent limitations and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements of Sections 301 and 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (the "Clean Water Act"), 33 U.S.C. 1311, 1342; (3) the oil pollution prevention requirements promulgated at 40 CFR Part 110 pursuant to Section 311 of the Clean Water Act; (4) the inventory reporting requirements for hazardous chemicals pursuant to Section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community-Right-to-Know Act ("EPCRA"), 42 U.S.C. 11022; (5) the hazardous substance release reporting requirements promulgated at 40 CFR Part 302 pursuant to section 103 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9603; (6) the hazardous substance release reporting requirements of Section 304 of EPCRA; and (7) the underground storage tank requirements promulgated at 40 CFR Part 280 pursuant to Section 9003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6991b. The United States sought civil penalties and injunctive relief for the violations alleged in the complaint.

In the proposed consent decree, PREPA agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$1.5 million; to implement environmental projects costing \$3.5 million; to spend \$1 million to hire an Environmental Review Contractor to oversee and monitor PREPA's implementation and compliance with the proposed consent decree; and to undertake extensive injunctive relief designed to assure PREPA's compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of sixty (60) 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, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority*,

DOJ Ref. Number 90-5-2-1-1750 (PREPA).

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Degeteau Federal Building, 150 Chardon Avenue, Room 452, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, 00918; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Centro Europa Building, 1492 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite 417, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00907; the Region II Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, New York, 10278; and the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, Northwest, Fourth Floor, Washington, District of Columbia 20005, (202) 624-0892. Also, a summary of the consent decree may be examined at the locations previously listed. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy of the consent decree, please refer to the case identified above and enclose a check, payable to the Consent Decree Library, in the amount of \$35.75 for the consent decree only (reproduction costs at twenty-five cents (\$.25) per page) or \$67.50 for both the consent decree and all attachments and appendices to the consent decree (reproduction costs at twenty-five cents (\$.25) per page). A copy of the consent decree summary may also be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy of the consent decree summary, please refer to the case identified above and enclose a check, payable to the Consent Decree Library, in the amount of \$3.25 for the consent decree summary (reproduction costs at twenty-five cents (\$.25) per page).

Bruce S. Gelber,

Deputy Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section.

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Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—United States Automotive Manufacturers Occupant Safety Research Partnership

Notice is hereby given that, on December 30, 1996, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), General Motors Corporation filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing an expansion of the scope of the United

States Automotive Manufacturers Occupant Safety Research Partnership. 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, in addition to the nature and objectives originally published, the parties will combine their efforts to accelerate research on so-called "smart" air bags. To accomplish this objective, the parties, working in conjunction with government entities, universities and suppliers, will collect and examine field data that shows how occupants behave in air bag-equipped vehicles, work on understanding the nature and frequency of "out-of-position" occupant injuries from air bags, work with government agencies on new regulatory standards for vulnerable occupants and research the various complex technology ideas for "smart" air bags. The parties may also perform other acts allowed by the National Cooperative Research and Production Act that would advance these goals.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the joint venture. Membership in the venture remains open, and General Motors intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On July 7, 1992, General Motors 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 August 11, 1992 (57 FR 35845). On August 21, General Motors filed its last notification, changing the name but not the scope of the joint venture. A notice of that name change was published on October 6, 1992 (57 FR 46047).

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Steering Subcommittee of the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

Date, time and place: February 13, 1997, 10:00 am-12:00 noon, U.S. Department of

Labor, Room S-1011, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20210.

Purpose: The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations will be discussed. Pursuant to section 9(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) it has been determined that the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

For Further Information Contact: Jorge Perez-Lopez, Director, Office of International Economic Affairs, Phone: (202) 219-7597.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 27th day of January 1997.

Andrew J. Samet,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary International Affairs.

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Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under Section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Program Manager of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to Section 221(a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than February 14, 1997.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address