

Wyoming, you are urged to attend or send representative(s) to the September 14, 1998, meeting to address these issues at the location provided under ADDRESSES in this Notice.

Dated: August 31, 1998.

Walter D. Cruickshank,

Associate Director for Policy and Management Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Electronic Commerce in the Minerals Management Service

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an electronic commerce presentation.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) in conjunction with other Federal and State regulatory agencies is participating in an Electronic Commerce (EC) presentation in Austin, Texas, on October 2, 1998. This presentation will assist those reporters or individuals considering EC implementation or pilot testing with MMS.

DATES: The EC presentation is Friday, October 2, 1998.

LOCATION: Renaissance Austin Hotel, 9721 Arboretum Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78759, telephone number: (512) 343-2626.

The Renaissance Austin Hotel is located near the intersection of Loop 360 and Highway 183. From I-35, take the Highway 183/Research Boulevard North exit and proceed four miles to Great Hills Trail. The Renaissance Austin Hotel is fifteen minutes from downtown Austin.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Timothy Allard, Systems Management Division, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, P. O. Box 25165, MS 3140, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165, telephone numbers (800) 619-4593, and (303) 275-7007, fax number (303) 275-7099, e-mail timothy.allard@mms.gov or Mr. Stephen Adams, Information Technology Division, Offshore Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd., MS 4520, Jefferson, Louisiana 70123, telephone number (504) 731-3033, fax number (504) 731-3004, e-mail stephen.adams@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MMS is participating in an EC presentation offered at no cost to companies and interested parties that are considering EC implementation or pilot testing of regulatory reports. The presentation will be held in conjunction with the American Petroleum Institute (API), Petroleum Industry Data Exchange (PIDX), Electronic Commerce Conference and Trade Show in Austin, Texas. If you plan to attend the API PIDX Electronic Commerce Conference and Trade Show scheduled for September 28, through October 1, 1998, a registration fee may apply. MMS instructors are employees of the Royalty Management Program, Systems Management Division and the Offshore Minerals Management, Information Technology Division.

Agenda

Session Times: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Subject: EC activities and capabilities of various regulatory agencies. Agencies will discuss EC reporting options, projects, future directions, and implementation handbooks. Agencies will solicit feedback from those companies that attend regarding preferred EC practices.

Agencies Participating Include

Minerals Management Service
Bureau of Land Management
Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas
ONGARD Service Center of the State of New Mexico
Railroad Commission of Texas

If you plan to attend the EC presentation, please leave a message for Tim Allard or Stephen Adams at the telephone, and FAX numbers, or e-mail address in the information contact section of this notice no later than September 25, 1998.

Dated: August 28, 1998.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Notice is hereby given that a consent decree in *United States v. BFX Hospitality Group, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 98-CV-1297 TJM GLS (N.D.N.Y.) was lodged with the United States District

Court for the Northern District of New York on August 11, 1998.

The proposed consent decree resolves claims asserted by the United States, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), against BFX Hospitality Group, Inc. ("Settling Defendant") under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607. The claims sought to recover past and future response costs and to obtain an order requiring the Settling Defendant to implement the selected remedy for Operable Unit One at the Robintech Inc./National Pipe Co. Superfund Site ("Site") in the Town of Vestal, New York. The United States alleged that, under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), BFX Hospitality Group, Inc., is liable as the current owner of the Site and an owner and operator of the Site at the time of the disposal or release of hazardous substances.

The proposed Consent Decree requires the Settling Defendant to implement the selected remedy for the Site at an estimated cost of \$3 million. The United States will be reimbursed by the Settling Defendant for \$550,000 of past response costs. The Settling Defendants will also pay \$600,000 of EPA's oversight costs, and EPA's future response costs associated with the Site.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Please address comments to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044 and refer to *United States v. BFX Hospitality Group, Inc.* (N.D.N.Y.), DJ #90-11-2-764.

Copies of the proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, 45 Broadway, Room 231, Albany NY 12207; at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the consent decree may also be obtained in person or by mail at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. When requesting a copy of the consent decree by mail, please enclose a check in the amount of \$60.75 (twenty-five cents per page

reproduction costs) payable to the "Consent Decree Library."

Joel M. Gross,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,
Environment and Natural Resources Division,
U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA")

Notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree ("Decree") in *United States v. Pacific Hide and Fur Depot, Inc., et al*, Civil Action No. 83-4052, was lodged on July 31, 1998, with the United States District Court for the District of Idaho.

The complaint and amended complaints filed in the above-referenced matter allege that defendants Pacific Hide and Fur Depot, Inc., William N. McCarty, Michael McCarty, Terry McCarty, Sherry McCarty Christianson, Richard McCarty, Dayna McCarty Sanna, McCarty's Inc., Pacific Fruit Express Company and Union Pacific Railroad Company (together "Settling Defendants"), are jointly and severally liable for the United States' response costs at the McCarty's/Pacific Hide and Fur Superfund Site ("Site") in Pocatello, Idaho, pursuant to Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a).

The Site is comprised of 17 acres located in northwest Pocatello, Idaho that as used as part of a gravel mining operation as early as 1949, and as a metal salvaging yard beginning in the late 1950s and continuing until approximately 1979. Metal was salvaged at the Site from many sources, including transformers, which were stored in and around a gravel pit ("Pit") in the southwest corner of the Site. Lead from lead-acid batteries was also salvaged at the Site. As a result of these activities, the Site was contaminated with lead and polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs"), which are hazardous substances within the meaning of CERCLA, and the United States incurred response costs responding to the release or threat of release of these hazardous substances at the Site.

Under the proposed Decree, Settling Defendants shall pay the United States approximately \$2.563 million towards the United States' approximately \$5.78 million in past costs at the Site. Settling Defendants also agree to comply with all provisions of a Unilateral

Administrative Order ("UAO") issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") on July 12, 1996 (and amended on April 28, 1998), which includes the requirement that Settling Defendants perform portions of the remedial work at the Site and reimburse EPA for the costs of overseeing those portions of the remedial work. Settling Defendants have already completed the remedial work required under the July, 1996 UAO. Although EPA has not yet tabulated the cost of overseeing Settling Defendants' work under the UAO, the current estimate of these costs is \$200,000. Finally, Settling Defendants agree to place permanent deed restrictions prohibiting future excavation in a small area of the Site that may contain subsurface contamination. In exchange, the Decree provides Settling Defendants a covenant not to sue under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606-9607.

Sampling shows that the entire Site is now cleaned to residential levels.

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, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Pacific Hide and Fur Depot, Inc., et al*, DOJ Ref. #90-11-2-47.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, District of Idaho, P.O. Box 32, Boise, Idaho, 83707, (208) 334-1211; the Region X Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, 98101, (206) 553-1796; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 3rd 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., 3rd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy of the Decree, *with all attachments*, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$65.25 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library. In requesting a copy of the Decree *without the attachments*, please enclose a check in the amount of \$10.50.

Joel M. Gross,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,
Environmental and Natural Resources
Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated March 16, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on March 27, 1998, (63 FR 14963), Ganes Chemicals, Inc., Industrial Park Road, Pennsville, New Jersey 08070, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Methylphenidate (1724)	II
Amobarbital (2125)	II
Pentobarbital (2270)	II
Secobarbital (2315)	II
Glutethimide (2550)	II
Methadone (9250)	II
Methadone-intermediate (9254) ...	II
Dextropropoxyphene, bulk (non-dosage forms) (9273).	II

The firm plans to manufacture the listed controlled substances for distribution as bulk products to its customers.

DEA has considered the factors in 21 U.S.C. 823(a) and determined that the registration of Ganes Chemicals, Inc. to manufacture the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest at this time. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 823 and 28 CFR 0.100 and 0.104, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, hereby orders that the application submitted by the above firm for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed above is granted.

Dated: June 23, 1998.

John H. King,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of
Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Application

Pursuant to Section 1301.33(a) of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this is notice that in a letter dated February 5, 1998, Organix, Inc., 240 Salem Street, Woburn, Massachusetts