

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in the action entitled *United States v. Holden, et al.*, Civil Action No. 00CV11036EFH (D. Mass.), was lodged on May 26, 2000, with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. The proposed consent decree resolves the claims of the United States against several potentially responsible parties ("Settling Defendants") at the Nyanza Chemical Waste Dump Superfund Site, located in Ashland, Massachusetts ("Site"), under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* The consent decree will also resolve the claims of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Commonwealth") in connection with the Site under CERCLA and the Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Material Release Prevention and Response Act, M.G.L. c. 21E. The Settling Defendants include Nelson W. Holden, as Trustee of the Holden-Ashland Trust, Martha E. Holden, as Trustee of the Holden-Ashland Trust, and William M. Leacu. The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that the Settling Defendants qualify for a *de minimis* settlement under section 122(g)(1)(B) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(g)(1)(B). The consent decree includes a covenant not to sue by the United States under sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9606 and 9607 (including claims for natural resources damages), and under Section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. 6973.

Under the proposed consent decree, the Settling Defendants have agreed to record an Environmental Restriction and Easement ("Easement") with respect to each of their properties located at the Site. The Easements will impose certain restrictions on the use of these properties and will also provide access rights to the United States (until completion of the remedial action at the Site) and to the Commonwealth (after completion of the remedial action at the Site).

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of up to thirty days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Any comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. box

7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington DC 20044, and should refer to *United States v. Holden, et al.*, DOJ Ref. Number 90-11-2-340C. 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 proposed consent decree may be examined at EPA Region 1, located at One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114 (contact Peter DeCambre, 617-918-1890). A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$23.75 (25 cents per page reproduction costs).

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration**Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration**

By Notice dated February 10, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on February 17, 2000, (65 FR 33) 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
Dextropoxophene, 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 Title 21, United States Code, Section 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. DEA has

investigated Ganes Chemicals, Inc. on a regular basis to ensure that the company's continued registration is consistent with the public interest. These investigations have included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, audits of the company's records, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. 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: May 25, 2000.

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 Registration**

By Notice dated May 12, 1999, and published in the **Federal Register** on May 25, 1999, (64 FR 28214), Noramco, Inc., 1400 Olympic Drive, Athens, Georgia 30601, made application to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Codeine (9050)	II
Oxycodone (9143)	II
Hydrocodone (9193)	II
Morphine (9300)	II
Thebaine (9333)	II

The firm plans to support its other manufacturing facility with manufacturing and analytical testing.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Noramco, Inc. to manufacture the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest at this time. DEA has investigated Noramco, Inc. to ensure that the company's registration is consistent with the public interest. The investigations included inspection and testing of the company's physical

security systems, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. 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: May 26, 2000.

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 § 1301.33(a) of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this is notice that on April 19, 2000, and April 27, 2000, Organichem Corporation, 33 Riverside Avenue, Rensselaer, New York 12144, made application by letters to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for registration as a bulk manufacturer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed below:

Drug	Schedule
Amphetamine (1100)	II
Pentobarbital (2270)	II

The firm plans to manufacture amphetamine and pentobarbital as a bulk product for distribution to its customers.

Any other such applicant and any person who is presently registered with DEA to manufacture such substances may file comments or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration.

Any such comments or objections may be addressed, in quintuplicate, to the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20537, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative (CCR), and must be filed no later than August 7, 2000.

Dated: May 25, 2000.

John H. King,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; new collection; Fiscal Year 1999 State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program Needs Assessment.

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness (OSLDPS), has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by June 16, 2000. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information Regulation Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer (202) 395-3122, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Frank Lepage, Chief, Grants Management Operations Branch, Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness, 810 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531, or facsimile at (202) 616-2922.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information

(1) *Type of information collection:* New collection.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Fiscal Year 1999 State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program Needs Assessment.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Support.

(4) *Affected Public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Primary: Federal, State, and Local Government.

Abstract: Section 1404 of the Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 1998 (Title XIV of Public Law 105-261; 50 U.S.C. 2301) as amended by Section 1064 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2000 (Title X of Public Law 106-65; 50 U.S.C. 2301) authorizes the Department of Justice to collect information from state and local jurisdictions to assess the threat and risk of terrorist employment of weapons of mass destruction against cities and other local areas. This data collection is a one-time event that will allow states to: (1) Report current jurisdictional needs for equipment, training, exercises, and technical assistance; (2) forecast projected needs for this support; and, (3) identify the gaps that exist at the jurisdictional level in equipment, training, exercises, and technical assistance that OJP/OSLDPS funding will be used to address. Additionally, the information collected will guide OJP/OSLDPS in the formulation of domestic preparedness policies and with the development of OSLEDPS programs to enhance state and local first responder capabilities.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* The data collection being