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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the Oil Pollution Act**

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, the Department of Justice gives notice that a proposed consent decree, in *United States v. Petroleum Specialties, Inc., et al.*, Civil No. 99-72421 (E.D. Mich.), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan on December 7, 2000, pertaining to the Petroleum Specialties, Inc. Site (the "Site"), located in Flat Rock, Wayne County, Michigan. The proposed consent decree would resolve the United States' civil claims against Petroleum Specialties, Inc. ("PSI") and Marvin Fleischman (collectively, the "Settling Defendants"), under Sections 107(a) and 113(g) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607(a) and 9613(g), and against PSI under Sections 1002, 1015 and 1017 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 ("OPA"), 33 U.S.C. §§ 2702, 2715 and 2717, in connection with the Site.

Under the proposed consent decree, PSI stipulates to entry of a judgment against itself in the amount of \$6 million for federal Response Costs and Removal Costs incurred at the Site. In addition, the proposed consent decree requires Marvin Fleischman to make payments totaling \$150,000 to the United States for federal Response Costs and Removal Costs incurred at the Site following entry of the proposed consent decree. The consent decree includes, *inter alia*, a covenant not to sue by the United States under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607, and under Section 1002(b)(1) of OPA, 33 U.S.C. § 2702(b)(1), and provisions relating to Settling Defendants' receipt of insurance proceeds for the Site.

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, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Petroleum Specialties, Inc., et al.*, Civil No. 99-72421 (E.D. Mich), and DOJ Reference Nos. 90-11-2-1374 and 90-5-1-1-4530.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at: (1) The Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, Suite 2001, 211 West Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226-3211 (313-226-9790); and (2) the United States Environmental Protection Agency (Region 5), 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590 (contact: Diana Embil (312-886-7889)). A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please refer to the referenced case and DOJ Reference Numbers and enclose a check in the amount of \$8.25 for the consent decree and one appendix (33 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction costs), made payable to the Consent Decree Library.

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**Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act**

In accordance with 28 CFR 50.7, 38 Fed. Reg. 19029, notice is hereby given that on December 8, 2000, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority*, Civil Action No. 00-2554 (JAF), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. The complaint in this action alleged that the Puerto Rico Aqueduct & Sewer Authority ("PRASA") has been violating the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. 1251, *et seq.*, by discharging wastewater from 23 of its drinking water treatment plants in excess of the effluent limitations in the applicable National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permits or without possessing such permits. The complaint also alleged that PRASA failed or is failing to provide filtration of the surface waters it uses to supply drinking water to 20 of its public water systems in violation of the Surface Water Treatment Rule ("SWTR"), 40 CFR

141.70, *et seq.*, and the Safe Drinking Water Act ("SDWA"), 42 U.S.C. 300f, *et seq.* The complaint sought injunctive relief and civil penalties.

The Consent Decree requires PRASA to pay a total cash penalty of \$550,000 to settle these violations of the CWA and the SDWA, as well as to implement two supplemental environmental projects ("SEPs"). The two SEPs involve the connection of two non-PRASA drinking water systems, which currently do not have filtered water, to one of PRASA's public water systems that receives filtered drinking water. The estimated cost of these two SEPs is \$490,600.

With regard to the PRASA drinking water treatment plants violating the CWA, the Consent Decree requires PRASA to achieve compliance in accordance with schedules for individual plants which vary from two to four years in duration. As to the PRASA public water systems that have not achieved compliance with the SWTR, the Consent Decree requires PRASA to remedy its noncompliance by constructing filtration facilities, connecting public water systems to other PRASA public water systems that have filtration plants, or installing groundwater well systems in lieu of the use of unfiltered surface water supplies. The completion dates in the SDWA compliance schedules for individual public water systems are in 2000-2002.

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, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044, and should refer to *United States v. Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority*, D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-06179, 90-5-1-1-06475.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney, Federal Office Building, Rm. 101, Carlos E. Chardon Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00918 and at the Region II office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007. A copy of the proposed consent decree may also be obtained by mail from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check (there is a 25 cent per page reproduction cost) in the amount of