

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; FY 2001 Notice of Availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact and the Environmental Assessment for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services' Methamphetamine Law Enforcement Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the finding of no significant impact and the environmental assessment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services ("COPS") announces the availability of the environmental assessment. This assessment, which is available to the public, concludes that the methamphetamine investigation and clandestine laboratory closure activities of the Methamphetamine/Drug Hot Spots Program will not have significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For copies of the Environmental Assessment and the Finding of No Significant Impact, please contact: COPS Grants Administration Division, 1100 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20530; Phone: (202) 616-3031 or 1-800-421-6770.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Overview**

In Fiscal Year 2000, the COPS Office collaborated with the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, to prepare an Environmental Assessment for methamphetamine law enforcement programs, and with specific application for the Methamphetamine/Drug Hot Spots Program. This Environmental Assessment was prepared as required by the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508), implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et al.*). The Methamphetamine/Drug Hot Spots Program addresses a broad array of law enforcement initiatives pertaining to the investigation of methamphetamine trafficking in many heavily impacted areas of the country.

For the purposes of this program, law enforcement may include training of law enforcement officers in methamphetamine-related issues; collection and maintenance of intelligence and information relative to methamphetamine trafficking and traffickers; investigation, arrest and

prosecution of producers, traffickers and users of methamphetamine; interdiction and removal of laboratories, finished products, and precursor chemicals and other elements necessary to produce methamphetamine; and preventive efforts to reduce the spread and use of methamphetamine. Individual projects will reflect a concentration on program areas consistent with congressional appropriations language.

Among the many challenges faced by law enforcement agencies in the Methamphetamine/Drug Hot Spots Program will be discovery, interdiction, and dismantling of clandestine drug laboratories. These lab sites, as well as other methamphetamine crime venues, must be comprehensively dealt with in compliance with a variety of health, safety and environmental laws and regulations. The COPS Office requires that recipients, when encountering illegal drug laboratories, use grant funds to effect the proper removal and disposal of hazardous materials located at those laboratories and directly associated sites in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The COPS Office will award grants to State and local criminal justice agencies for the FY 2001 COPS Methamphetamine/Drug Hot Spots Program. The Environmental Assessment concludes that the funding of this program will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared for the funding of this program.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act**

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that, on April 2, 2001, a proposed Consent Decree Between the United States of America and Rexam Beverage Can Company, Inc. and Primerica, Inc. (the decree) in *United States v. Russell Martin Bliss, et al.* (the *Missouri Dioxin Litigation*), Civil Action No. 89-363C-1 (E.D. Mo.) was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

The decree resolves claims for injunctive relief and response costs

under sections 106 and 107(a)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Corporation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607(a)(3), against Rexam Beverage Can Company, Inc. and Primerica, Inc. arising out of the disposal and subsequent clean-up of wastes at the Bliss-Ellisville Superfund Site in St. Louis County, Missouri. Pursuant to the decree, Rexam and Primerica will pay \$1,750,000 to the Hazardous Substances Superfund. The monies paid by the settling defendants under the decree will reimburse past federal costs at the Site. The decree provides the settling defendants with releases from civil liability for injunctive relief and response costs at the Site.

For thirty (30) days following this publication, the Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, Post Office Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. Russell Martin Bliss, et al.* (the *Missouri Dioxin Litigation*), Civil Action No. 89-363C-1, DOJ no. 90-11-2-41E.

The proposed decree may be examined at the offices of the United States Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri, United States Court and Custom House, 111 S. 10th Street-20th Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63101, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency—Region VII, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, 66101. The decree may also be obtained by mail from the United States Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, Post Office Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$5.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost).

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Notice of Public Comment Period For Proposed Consent Decrees Under The Clean Air Act, TSCA and RCRA**

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that, for a period of 30 days, the United States will receive public comments on proposed Consent Decrees in *United States v. Motiva Enterprises LLC, Equilon Enterprises LLC, and Deer*