

into compliance with various environmental statutes and regulations at their facilities in Point Comfort, Texas, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Defendants still are in the process of complying with the 2010 Decree. However, at the Point Comfort Facility, FPX TX violated certain leak detection and repair ("LDAR") provisions of the Decree (which are based on regulations promulgated under the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401, *et seq.*), and the United States and FPC TX agreed to a proposed first amendment to the Consent Decree. Under the proposed first amendment, FPC TX will undertake a comprehensive review of equipment such as valves, pumps, and compressors at the Point Comfort facility to determine the applicability of certain LDAR requirements and will pay a stipulated penalty of \$1,447,925.

The publication of this notice opens a period of public comment on the first amendment. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States v. Formosa Plastics Corporation, Texas, et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-08995. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

To submit comments:	Send them to:
By e-mail	pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov
By mail	Assistant Attorney General U.S. DOJ—ENRD P.O. Box 7611 Washington, DC 20044-7611.

During the public comment period, the first amendment may be examined and downloaded at this Department of Justice Web site: http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html. We will provide a paper copy of the first amendment upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Please enclose a check in the amount of \$ 8.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

On January 4, 2013, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed consent decree with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in the lawsuit entitled *United States v. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation*, Civ. No. 13-C-10 (E.D. Wis.).

In this civil enforcement action under the federal Clean Air Act, the United States alleges that Wisconsin Public Service Corporation ("WPS") failed to comply with certain requirements of the Act intended to protect air quality. The complaint seeks injunctive relief and civil penalties for violations of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration ("PSD") and Title V provisions of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7470-92 and 42 U.S.C. 7661a-76661f, and related state and federal implementing regulations. The complaint alleges that WPS failed to obtain appropriate permits and failed to install and operate required pollution control devices to reduce emissions of various air pollutants at the Weston Generation Station, a coal-fired power plant in Marathon County, Wisconsin.

The proposed consent decree would resolve past Clean Air Act violations and would require WPS to reduce harmful emissions of sulfur dioxide ("SO₂"), nitrogen oxides ("NO_x"), and particular matter ("PM") emissions, at the Weston Generation Station, as well as the Pulliam Generation Station, a coal-fired power plant located in Brown County, Wisconsin. The reductions would be achieved through emission control requirements and limitations specified by the proposed consent decree, including installation and operation of pollution controls; retirement, refueling, or repowering of certain generating units; and annual emission caps at both the Weston and Pulliam plants. WPS will also spend \$6 million to fund environmental mitigation projects that will further reduce emissions and benefit communities adversely affected by pollution from its plants, and pay a civil penalty of \$1.2 million.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States v. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation*, Civ. No. 13-C-10 (E.D. Wis.), D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-1230/1. All comments must be

submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

To submit comments:	Send them to:
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By mail	Assistant Attorney General U.S. DOJ—ENRD P.O. Box 7611 Washington, DC 20044-7611.

During the public comment period, the proposed consent decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department Web site: http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html. We will provide a paper copy of the proposed consent decree upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Please mail your request and payment to: Consent Decree Library, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$19.00 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury.

Maureen Katz,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Partial Consent Decree Under the Clean Water Act

Notice is hereby given that on January 3, 2013, a proposed partial Consent Decree ("Decree") was lodged in *U.S. v. BP Exploration and Production, et al.*, Civil No. 10-4536 (E.D. La.) (That case is centralized in MDL 2179: *In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010.*)

In this civil enforcement action the United States sought, among other things, civil penalties under Section 311(b) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321(b), from the "Transocean Defendants" (Transocean Deepwater Inc., Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling Inc., Transocean Holdings LLC, and Triton Asset Leasing GmbH). That claim arises against the Transocean Defendants, and other defendants as well, from the discharge of oil into the Gulf of Mexico resulting from the blowout of the Macondo Well that began in April 2010.

Under the proposed Decree, the Transocean Defendants will pay a \$1 billion civil penalty. The proposed Decree does not conclude any claim against the Transocean Defendants other than those claims for penalty specified in the proposed Decree. The proposed Decree also does not resolve any claim brought against other defendants in this civil enforcement action.

Also under the proposed Decree, the Transocean Defendants must comply with court-enforceable strictures aimed at reducing the chances of another blowout-and-discharge-of-oil and at improving emergency response capabilities. Examples of these requirements include: Certifications of maintenance and repair of blowout preventers before each drilling job, consideration of process safety risks, and personnel training related to oil spills and responses to other emergencies. The Transocean Defendants will have to meet these requirements for at least five years on all their drilling operations in waters near the United States.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of twenty-one (21) calendar days from the date of this publication comments relating to the proposed Decree. The 21-day period (and not a longer period of time) is provided to ensure both a proper public comment period and an opportunity for the Department of Justice to receive, consider, and address public comments before the first phase of the civil trial, scheduled to begin on February 25, 2013, before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and either emailed to pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov or mailed to P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, and should refer to *U.S. v. BP Exploration and Production et al*, Civil No. 10-4536 (E.D. La.) (centralized in MDL 2179; *In Re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig "Deepwater Horizon" in the Gulf of Mexico*, April 20, 2012), D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-10026.

During the public comment period, the proposed Decree may be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/ConsentDecrees.html>. A copy of the proposed Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, or by faxing or emailing a request to "Consent Decree Copy" (EESDCopy.ENRD@usdoj.gov), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation

number (202) 514-5271. If requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library by mail, please enclose a check in the amount of \$19.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury or, if requesting by fax, forward a check in that amount to the Consent Decree Library at the address given above.

Maureen M. Katz,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—ASTM International Standards

Notice is hereby given that, on December 12, 2012, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), ASTM International ("ASTM") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing additions or changes to its standards development activities. 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, ASTM has provided an updated list of current, ongoing ASTM standards activities originating between September and December 2012 designated as Work Items. A complete listing of ASTM Work Items, along with a brief description of each, is available at <http://www.astm.org>.

On September 15, 2004, ASTM 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 November 10, 2004 (69 FR 65226).

The last notification was filed with the Department on September 10, 2012. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on October 11, 2012 (77 FR 61786).

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Extend an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public or other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection. The National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by March 11, 2013 to be assured consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Send comments to address below.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR

COMMENTS: Contact Suzanne Plimpton, the NSF Reports Clearance Officer, phone (703) 292-7556, or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Survey of Earned Doctorates.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0019.
Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2014.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection for three years.

1. *Abstract:* Established within the National Science Foundation by the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505, codified in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, the National Center