

Resources Division, and should refer to *United States v. Apache Nitrogen Products, Inc.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90–5–2–1–10736. 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:

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By email	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 consent decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. We will provide a paper copy of the 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

On December 22, 2017, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed modification to a Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma in *United States and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality and the State of Alabama v. Continental Carbon Company*, Civil Case No. 5:15–cv–00290–F (W.D. Okla.).

The original Consent Decree was entered on May 7, 2015, and resolved civil claims under the Clean Air Act at the Defendant’s three carbon black manufacturing facilities located in Oklahoma, Alabama, and Texas. The Consent Decree imposed various pollution control requirements on Defendant’s facilities, including requirements related to sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter

emissions. At the Ponca City facility in Oklahoma and the Phenix City facility in Alabama, these pollution control requirements included, among other requirements, installation of Dry Gas Scrubber or Wet Gas Scrubber (“DGS” or “WGS”) systems designed to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions, and Selective Catalytic Reduction (“SCR”) systems to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions. The sulfur dioxide reduction systems are also expected to result in an ancillary reduction in particulate matter emissions.

The parties have now agreed to modify certain Consent Decree deadlines. The modification resolve issues regarding the feasibility of the affected deadlines and resolves a potential dispute between the parties concerning them. The modification does not change Defendant’s ultimate obligation to install and operate pollution controls at its facilities.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed modification to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States et al. v. Continental Carbon Company*, Civil Case No. 5:15–cv–00290–F (W.D. Okla.), D.J. Ref. No. 90–5–2–1–09729. 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:

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

On December 22, 2017, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana in the lawsuit entitled *United States and the State of Louisiana v. Orion Engineered Carbons, LLC* (W.D. La.), Civil Action No. 6:17–cv–01660.

In this civil enforcement action under the federal Clean Air Act (“Act”), the United States and the State of Louisiana allege that Orion Engineered Carbons, LLC (“Defendant”), failed to comply with certain requirements of the Act intended to protect air quality at four carbon black manufacturing facilities in Franklin, Louisiana, Borger, Texas, Orange, Texas, and Belpre, Ohio. The complaint seeks injunctive relief and civil penalties for violations of the Act’s Prevention of Significant Deterioration provisions, 42 U.S.C. 7470–92, the Act’s Nonattainment New Source Review provisions, 42 U.S.C. 7501–7515, the Act’s Title V permit provisions and certain operating permit requirements, 42 U.S.C. 7661a–76661f, and various Clean Air Act implementing regulations. The complaint alleges that Defendant failed to obtain appropriate permits and failed to install and operate required pollution control devices to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide (“SO₂”), nitrogen oxides (“NO_x”), and/or particulate matter (“PM”) at its four carbon black facilities.

The proposed Consent Decree would resolve violations for certain provisions of the Act at the four facilities, and would require the Defendant to reduce harmful SO₂, NO_x, and PM emissions through the installation and operation of pollution controls. The Defendant will also spend \$550,000 to fund environmental mitigation projects that will further reduce emissions and benefit communities adversely affected by the pollution from the facilities, and pay a civil penalty of \$800,000.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant