

conducting its Title VII (antidumping and countervailing duty) preliminary phase staff conferences through submissions of written opening remarks and written testimony, staff questions and written responses to those questions, and postconference briefs. Requests to participate in these written proceedings should be emailed to [preliminaryconferences@usitc.gov](mailto:preliminaryconferences@usitc.gov) (DO NOT FILE ON EDIS) on or before July 15, 2020. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to participate by submitting a short statement. Please note the Secretary's Office will accept only electronic filings during this time. Filings must be made through the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS, <https://edis.usitc.gov>). No in-person paper-based filings or paper copies of any electronic filings will be accepted until further notice.

**Written submissions.**—As provided in sections 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before July 22, 2020, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigations. Parties may file written opening remarks and testimony to the Commission on or before July 15, 2020. Staff questions will be provided to the parties on July 17, 2020, and written responses should be submitted to the Commission on or before July 22, 2020. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission's rules; any submissions that contain BPI must also conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's *Handbook on Filing Procedures*, available on the Commission's website at [https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook\\_on\\_filing\\_procedures.pdf](https://www.usitc.gov/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf), elaborates upon the Commission's procedures with respect to filings.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigations must be served on all other parties to the investigations (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

**Certification.**—Pursuant to section 207.3 of the Commission's rules, any person submitting information to the Commission in connection with these investigations must certify that the information is accurate and complete to the best of the submitter's knowledge. In

making the certification, the submitter will acknowledge that any information that it submits to the Commission during these investigations may be disclosed to and used: (i) By the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of these or related investigations or reviews, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. All contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

(Authority: These investigations are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.12 of the Commission's rules.)

By order of the Commission.

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**Lisa Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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

On May 29, 2020, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed consent decree with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, in the lawsuit entitled *United States and Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Sprague Resources LP and Sprague Operating Resources, LLC*, Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-11026.

The United States filed this lawsuit under Section 113(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7413(a)(1), and the Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island state implementation plans. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a co-plaintiff and brings claims arising under the Massachusetts Clean Air Act and Massachusetts air pollution control regulations. The complaint seeks civil penalties and injunctive relief arising from alleged emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) without required permits at the defendants' heated petroleum (asphalt and #6 oil) storage and distribution facilities in Everett and Quincy, Massachusetts; Searsport and South Portland, Maine; Newington (River Road), New

Hampshire; and Providence, Rhode Island.

The consent decree requires the defendants to pay civil penalties of \$350,000, including \$205,000, plus interest, to the United States and \$145,000 to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and to perform certain measures at the facilities to limit future VOC emissions.

On June 4, 2020, the Department of Justice published a notice in the **Federal Register** opening a period of public comment on the consent decree for a period of thirty (30) days through July 6, 2020. By this notice, the Department of Justice is extending the public comment period through August 5, 2020. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States, et al. v. Sprague Resources LP, et al.*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-11436. All comments must be submitted no later than August 5, 2020. Comments may be submitted either by email or by mail:

| <i>To submit comments:</i> | <i>Send them to:</i>  |
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| By e-mail .....            | <a href="mailto:pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov">pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov</a> .            |
| By mail .....              | Assistant Attorney General,<br>U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O.<br>Box 7611, Washington, DC<br>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>. Paper copies of the consent decree are available upon written request and payment of reproduction costs. Such requests and payments should be addressed to:

Consent Decree Library,  
U.S. DOJ—ENRD,  
P.O. Box 7611,  
Washington, DC 20044-7611.

With each such request, please enclose a check or money order for \$14.75 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) per paper copy, payable to the United States Treasury.

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