

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

The Office of Unfair Import Investigations will not participate as a party in this investigation.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), as amended in 85 FR 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the complainant of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a/respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: September 5, 2024.

Sharon Bellamy,

Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1395]

Certain Aerosol Fire Extinguishing Technology, Components Thereof, and Products Containing Same; Notice of a Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting a Motion To Terminate the Investigation Based on Withdrawal of the Complaint; Termination of the Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the presiding administrative law judge's ("ALJ") initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 18) granting an unopposed motion to terminate the investigation based on withdrawal of the complaint. The investigation is terminated in its entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Chen, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202–205–2392. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on April 1, 2024, based on a complaint filed on behalf of Nano Fire LLC and Defender Safety, LLC, both of Plainview, New York (collectively, "Complainants"). 89 FR 22454 (Apr. 1, 2024). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain aerosol fire extinguishing technology, components thereof, and products containing same by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 8,865,014 and 9,199,108. *Id.* The complaint further alleged that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation named as respondents Halma Plc of the United Kingdom; Halma Holdings LLC of Summit, New Jersey; and FirePro Systems, Ltd. of Cyprus (collectively, "FirePro"); and Hockicki America Corporation of Buena Park, California. *Id.* at 22455. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was also named a party in this investigation but later withdrew its participation. *See id.*; Commission Investigative Staff's Notice of Non-Participation (May 17, 2024).

On July 15, 2024, Complainants filed a motion to terminate the investigation

based on withdrawal of the complaint. No party opposed the motion although FirePro filed a response asserting that Complainants wasted administrative resources by not conducting an adequate pre-filing investigation. *See ID* at 1–2.

On August 7, 2024, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 18) granting Complainants' motion to terminate. The ID found that the motion complied with Commission Rule 210.21(a)(1), 19 CFR 210.21(a)(1), and Ground Rule 2. ID at 2. The ID also found "no evidence of extraordinary circumstances that would weigh against granting the Motion." *Id.* No petitions for review were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The investigation is terminated in its entirety.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on September 5, 2024.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR part 210.

By order of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

On September 4, 2024, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey in the lawsuit entitled *United States, et al. v. NL Industries, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:24–cv–8946 and *NL Industries, Inc., et al. v. Old Bridge Township, et al.*, Civil Action No. 13–cv–3493 MAS (D. New Jersey).

The proposed Consent Decree would resolve the affirmative claims of the United States in *United States, et al. v. NL Industries, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:24–cv–8946, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), the United States Department of the Interior ("DOI"), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"); and the

State of New Jersey, including New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”), the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the Administrator of the New Jersey Spill Compensation Fund (collectively, the “State Plaintiffs”); and the following parties: NL Industries, Inc., Old Bridge Township, New Jersey, Atlantic Battery Co., Inc., Atlantic Richfield Co., Bixon Liquidation Corp., C&D Technologies, Inc., Clarios, LLC, Crown Battery Manufacturing Co., East Penn Manufacturing Co., EnerSys Delaware, Inc., E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., (n/k/a EIDP, Inc.), FMC Corp., Gould Electronics Inc., Honeywell International, Inc., Joe Krentzman & Son, Inc., Johnson Controls, Inc., Rae Storage Battery Co., Tiffen Acquisition Corp., Tiffen Co., LLC, Rio Tinto Minerals Inc., Rio Tinto Metals Limited, Rio Tinto plc, Wimco Metals, Inc., and Yuasa Battery, Inc., (collectively referred to as “Defendants” herein), regarding the Raritan Bay Slag Superfund Site in Old Bridge Township and Borough of Sayreville, New Jersey (“Site”). The Consent Decree will also resolve all claims regarding the Site, including but not limited to contribution claims, between and amongst the United States on behalf of the General Services Administration and the Department of Defense, including but not limited to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State and Defendants, including those in the action *NL Industries, Inc. v. Old Bridge Township, et al.*, 13-cv-03493 MAS (D. New Jersey).

Under the Proposed Consent Decree \$151.1 million will be paid to the United States and State Plaintiffs by Defendants, as well as settling federal and state agencies. From the \$151.1 million, EPA will receive \$132.3 million as reimbursement for past costs and to pay for the remaining cleanup work at the Site, and \$18.7 million will go towards restoration of natural resource damages and assessment costs by Federal Trustees, NOAA and DOI, and State Trustee, NJDEP. In exchange, Defendants and settling federal and state agencies will receive contribution protection and covenants not to sue under Sections 106, 107(a) and 113 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9606, 9607(a) and 9613 (“CERCLA”), the Spill Compensation and Control Act (the “Spill Act”), N.J.S.A. 58:10–23.11 through –23.24, the Water Pollution Control Act (the “WPCA”), N.J.S.A. 58:10A–1 through –20, and the Solid

Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E–1 through –227, for the Site.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on 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. NL Industries, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:24-cv-8946, D.J. Ref. No. 90–11–3–10954 and *NL Industries, Inc. et al., v. Old Bridge Township, et al.*, Civil Action No. 13-cv-3493 MAS (D. New Jersey), D.J. Ref. No. 90–11–6–19872. All comments must be submitted no later than sixty (60) 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 email	pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov
By mail	Assistant Attorney General, U.S. DOJ—ENRD, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044–7611.

NJDEP, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 58:10–23.11e2 of the Spill Act will also publish notice of the proposed Consent Decree in the New Jersey Register and on NJDEP’s website for a period of 60 days. Comments that are submitted to the Department will be shared with the State for consideration and will not need to be resubmitted.

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>. If you require assistance accessing the proposed Consent Decree, you may request assistance by email or by mail to the addresses provided above for submitting comments.

Eric D. Albert,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Reinstatement, With Change, of a Previously Approved Collection: Census of Public Defender Offices

AGENCY: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Statistics, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until November 12, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have additional comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Ryan Kling, Statistician, Judicial Statistics Unit, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531 (email: Ryan.Kling@usdoj.gov; telephone: 202–704–0076).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.
2. *The Title of the Form/Collection:* Census of Public Defender Offices (CPDO).
3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the*