



NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for Proposed Consent Decree Pursuant To the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, And Liability Act

On December 2, 2020, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree (“Consent Decree”) in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (Eastern Division), in the lawsuit entitled the United States of America v. Pharmacia, LLC and Solutia, Inc., Civil Action No. 1:02-CV-0749 (KOB).

This Consent Decree represents a settlement of certain claims of the United States (“Plaintiff”) against Pharmacia, LLC and Solutia, Inc. (“Defendants”) under Sections 106, 107, and 113 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607, and 9613, relating to the Anniston PCB Hazardous Waste Site (“Site”) located in and around Anniston, Alabama. Under the proposed Consent Decree, the Defendants will be required to implement a Record of Decision (“ROD”) issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) with respect to Operable Units 1 and 2 (“OU1” and “OU2”) of the Anniston PCB Site in Anniston, Alabama. The proposed Consent Decree requires the Defendants to finance and conduct the remedial design and remedial action (“RD/RA”), which includes remedial action for both soils and groundwater within OU1 and OU2. These two operable units are outside the plant site (OU3) and consist of both residential and non-residential properties. A previous RD/RA Consent Decree addressing certain properties within OU1 and OU2 identified by EPA as unauthorized waste disposal areas was entered into last year between the United States and MRC Holding Company. This proposed Consent Decree addresses the remainder of OU1 and OU2.

Notice of the Lodging of the proposed Consent Decree was originally published in the Federal Register on December 8, 2020. See 85 Fed. Reg. 70938-39, Dec. 8, 2020. Publication

of the original notice opened a period of public comment for a period of thirty (30) days through January 7, 2021. The publication of the present notice extends the period for public comment on the proposed Consent Decree through February 6, 2021.

Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to United States of America v. Pharmacia, LLC and Solutia, Inc., and the D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-2-07135/1. All comments must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by e-mail 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 Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website:

http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html. 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:

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Please enclose a check or money order for \$11.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the United States Treasury for the Consent Decree and \$20.00 for the Consent Decree and Appendices thereto.

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