

Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866 (contact Assistant Regional Counsel Patricia Hick). A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, PO Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy please refer to the referenced case and enclose a check in the amount of \$7.50 (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Bruce S. Gelber,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Clean Air Act

In accordance with 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on February 1, 2001, a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America*, Civil Action No. 99-S-2419, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

In this action, the United States sought civil penalties for alleged violations of Section 113(b) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. 7413(b), resulting from the alleged failure of Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (NGPL) to obtain a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) before construction in May 1979 of a natural gas compressor station, the Akron Compressor Station (also known as the "Niobrara Compressor Station"), located in Washington County, Colorado. The United States also alleges that NGPL operated the Akron Compressor Station as a major stationary source in violation of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. 7413, without an appropriate PSD permit, and without application of best available control technology.

Under the terms of the proposed consent decree, NGPL will pay a civil penalty of \$215,000 for alleged violations of the CAA PSD program, and implement a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) that will be valued at \$100,000 in order to resolve the United States' claims. The SEP requires NGPL to install equipment on two gas-fired compressor engines at the Crystal River Compressor Station in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and on two gas-fired compressor engines at the Well Draw Compressor Station in

Converse County, Wyoming. When the SEP is completed, total nitrogen oxide (NO_x) reductions at the two stations are expected to be about 400 tons per year (TPY). The proposed consent decree does not require that NGPL take any injunctive measures because NGPL no longer owns the Akron Compressor Station at issue in this case.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed consent decree for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. Comments should be addressed to the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America*, Civil Action No. 99-S-2419, and Department of Justice Reference No. 90-5-2-1-06728.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, 1225 17th Street, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202; and at U.S. EPA Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$7.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Robert Brook,

Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—VSI Alliance

Notice is hereby given that, on October 26, 2000, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), VSI Alliance has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership status. 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, Steve Burchfiel, Austin, TX; Canon, Inc., Kawasaki, JAPAN; Embedded Solutions Ltd., Oxford,

UNITED KINGDOM; eSilicon Corp., Palo Alto, CA; Duolog Technologies Limited, Dublin, IRELAND; Hewlett-Packard Company, Palo Alto, CA; Edward Lee, Berkeley, CA; Ian Mackintosh, San Jose, CA; Nsine Limited, Reading, UNITED KINGDOM; NurLogic Design, Inc., San Diego, CA; Semiconductor Technology Academic Research Center (STARC), Tokyo, JAPAN; The Athena Group, Inc., Gainesville, FL; and Verisity Design, Inc., Mountain View, CA have been added as parties to this venture. Also, Advanced Bytes & Rights Ltd., Bristol, UNITED KINGDOM; Cogency Technology, Inc., Toronto, Ontario, CANADA; EnThink, Inc., Santa Clara, CA; Institute of Microelectronics, Singapore, SINGAPORE; Integrated Chipware, Reston, VA; Seagate Technology, Scotts Valley, CA; Synthesis Corp., Osaka, JAPAN; and Unisys Corp., San Diego, CA have been dropped as parties to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and VSI Alliance intends to file additional written notification disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 29, 1996, VSI Alliance 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 March 4, 1997 (62 FR 9812).

The last notification was filed with the Department on July 13, 2000. A notice was published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act on October 3, 2000 (65 FR 59018).

Constance K. Robinson,

Director of Operations, Antitrust Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Requested

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review; Extension of a currently approved collection; Application for procurement quota for controlled substances (DEA Form 250).

The Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), has submitted the following information collection request for review and

clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 23, 2001.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Mr. Frank L. Sapienza, Chief, Drug and Chemical Evaluation Section, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20537, telephone (202) 307-7183.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. 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;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. 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

1. *Type of information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

2. *The title of the form/collection:* Application for Procurement for Controlled Substances.

3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Form number: DEA Form 250. *Applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. Other: None.

Abstract: Title 21, CFR 1303.12(b), requires that U.S. companies who desire

to use any basic class of controlled substances listed in Schedule I or II for purposes of manufacturing during the next calendar year, shall apply on DEA Form 250 for a procurement quota for such class.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents, responses and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* 243 respondents, 807 responses, one hour per response. A respondent may submit multiple responses. A respondent will take an estimate of one hour to complete each form.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 807 annual burden hours.

Public comments on this proposed information collection are strongly encouraged.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, National Place Building, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 1220, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: February 12, 2001.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of information collection under review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until April 23, 2001.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection

instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Ellen Wesley, 202-616-3558, Office of Budget and Management Services, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy or the agency estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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.

Comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to Joseph Moone, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531. If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Joseph Moone, 202-6161-3643, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form: CJ-14 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency