

Defendant to restore the impacted areas and to pay a civil penalty.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to this proposed Consent Decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice. Please address comments to Patricia R. Cangemi, 600 U.S. Courthouse, 300 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415 and refer to *United States v. Randy Johnson*, Civ. No. 07-1048, DJ # 90-5-1-1-18123.

The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Clerk's Office, United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, 202 U.S. Courthouse, 300 S. 4th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415. In addition, the proposed Consent Decree may be viewed at [http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent\\_Decree.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decree.html).

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Notice Of Public Comment Period for Proposed Clean Water Act Consent Decree**

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that, for a period of 30 days, the United States will receive public comments on a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. The Meridian Resource & Exploration LLC et al.* ("Meridian Consent Decree") (Civil Action No. 07-1482), which was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana on September 6, 2007.

This proposed Consent Decree was lodged simultaneously with the Complaint in this Clean Water Act case against The Meridian Resource & Exploration LLC and Louisiana Onshore Properties LLC (collectively, "Meridian"). The Complaint alleges that Meridian is civilly liable for violations of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 ("OPA"), 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.* The Complaint seeks civil penalties and injunctive relief for five unauthorized discharges of crude oil into navigable waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines from Meridian's operations at the Weeks Island field in Iberia Parish, Louisiana. In particular, the Complaint alleges that approximately 747 barrels of crude oil were discharged from two pipelines and an oil well owned by Louisiana Onshore Properties LLC and operated by The Meridian Resource & Exploration LLC.

The Discharges occurred between approximately November 2005 and November 1, 2006.

Under the settlement, Meridian will take a number of actions to enhance its efforts to inspect, monitor, maintain, and repair its Weeks Island facilities in order to prevent and respond more quickly to future unauthorized discharges. In addition, Meridian will pay a civil penalty of \$504,000.

Comments should be addressed to the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and may be submitted to: P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611, or via e-mail to [pubcommentees.enrd@usdoj.gov](mailto:pubcommentees.enrd@usdoj.gov) and should refer to *United States v. The Meridian Resource & Exploration LLC et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-5-1-1-08993.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Western District of Louisiana, 800 Lafayette Street, Suite 2200, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501. During the public comment period the Meridian Consent Decree may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site: [http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent\\_Decrees.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html). A copy of the Meridian Consent Decree also may be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood ([tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov](mailto:tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov)), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-1547. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$7.50 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Drug Enforcement Administration**

**Importer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration**

By Notice dated June 26, 2007 and published in the **Federal Register** on July 3, 2007 (72 FR 36480-36481), Applied Science Labs, Division of Alltech Associates Inc., 2701 Carolean Industrial Drive, State College, Pennsylvania 16801, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as

an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed in schedule I and II:

Drug	Schedule
Heroin (9200) .....	I
Cocaine (9041) .....	II
Codeine (9050) .....	II
Meperidine (9230) .....	II
Methadone (9250) .....	II
Morphine (9300) .....	II

The company plans to import these controlled substances for the manufacture of reference standards.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in 21 U.S.C. 823(a) and 952(a) and determined that the registration of Applied Science Labs to import the basic classes of controlled substances is consistent with the public interest and with United States obligations under international treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on May 1, 1971, at this time. DEA has investigated Applied Science Labs to ensure that the company's registration is consistent with the public interest. The investigation has included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. Therefore, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 952(a) and 958(a), and in accordance with 21 CFR 1301.34, the above named company is granted registration as an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed.

Dated: September 13, 2007.

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