

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;	)	
STATE OF OHIO;	)	
STATE OF ARIZONA;	)	
STATE OF CALIFORNIA;	)	
STATE OF COLORADO;	)	
STATE OF FLORIDA;	)	
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY;	)	
STATE OF MARYLAND;	)	
STATE OF MICHIGAN;	)	
STATE OF NEW YORK;	)	Civil Action No. 1:98 CV 1616
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA;	)	JUDGE ALDRICH
STATE OF TEXAS;	)	
STATE OF WASHINGTON; and	)	
STATE OF WISCONSIN,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	Filed: July 23, 1998
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
USA WASTE SERVICES, INC.;	)	
DOMER MERGER SUBSIDIARY; and	)	
WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**UNITED STATES'S EXPLANATION OF CONSENT DECREE PROCEDURES**

The United States submits this short memorandum summarizing the procedures regarding the Court's entry of the proposed Final Judgment. This Judgment would settle this case pursuant to the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 16(b)-(h) (the "APPA"), which applies to civil antitrust cases brought and settled by the United States.

1. Today, the United States has filed a Complaint, a proposed Final Judgment, and a Hold Separate Stipulation and Order between the parties by which they have agreed that the Court may enter the proposed Final Judgment following the United States's compliance with the APPA.

2. The United States will file within seven days a Competitive Impact Statement relating to the proposed Judgment [15 U.S.C. § 16(b)].

3. The APPA requires that the United States publish the proposed Final Judgment and the Competitive Impact Statement in the Federal Register and in certain newspapers at least 60 days prior to entry of the Final Judgment. The notice will inform members of the public that they may submit comments about the Final Judgment to the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division [15 U.S.C. §§ 16(b)-(c)].

4. During the sixty-day period, the United States will consider, and at the close of that period respond to, any comments that it has received, and it will publish the comments and the United States's responses in the Federal Register.

5. After the expiration of the sixty-day period, the United States will file with the Court the comments and the United States's responses, and it may ask the Court to enter the Final Judgment (unless the United States has decided to withdraw its consent to entry of the Judgment, as permitted by Paragraph 2 of the Stipulation and Order) [see 15 U.S.C. § 16(d)].

6. If the United States requests that the Court enter the Final Judgment after compliance with the APPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 16(e)-(f), the Court may enter the Judgment without a hearing, if it finds that the Final Judgment is in the public interest.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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