



**U.S. EPA**  
**Civil Judicial Settlement**  
**U.S. v. WCI Steel, Inc.**

The United States Department of Justice, on behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) has lodged a proposed Consent Decree in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The Consent Decree would resolve claims of the United States against WCI Steel, Inc., (“Reorganized WCI”), the current owner and operator of the WCI Steel facility in Warren, Ohio (“Facility”), under Section 7003 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 and the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (“RCRA”), 42 U.S.C. § 6973. The Consent Decree would also resolve all claims for civil liability of WCI Steel, Inc. (“Debtor WCI”) to the United States for the RCRA violations alleged in the United States’ proof of claim and administrative proof of claim in the WCI Steel, Inc., bankruptcy case.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Pursuant to RCRA Section 7003(d), EPA will accept written comments on the legal agreement until January 25, 2007. Copies of the full legal agreement can be obtained by contacting Michael Beedle, Environmental Scientist, at (312) 353-7322 or [beedle.michael@epa.gov](mailto:beedle.michael@epa.gov). All written comments must be sent to:

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**OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC MEETING**

Pursuant to RCRA 7003(d), EPA will accommodate any requests made for a public meeting in the affected area until January 25, 2007. Requests for a public meeting in the affected area should be directed to Michael Beedle, Environmental Scientist, at (312) 353-7322 or [beedle.michael@epa.gov](mailto:beedle.michael@epa.gov).

The proposed Consent Decree would require Reorganized WCI to implement specified measures (including, among other things, the installation of barrier netting at two Facility impoundments, the removal of sludge from another impoundment, the retention of existing and implementation of additional wildlife deterrents, and the implementation of a wildlife and oil monitoring program, a fire risk management plan and an oil management plan) to reduce risks to birds and wildlife at the Facility due to the management of oily wastes at certain impoundments. The use of propane cannons is not required under the Consent Decree. In addition, under the Consent Decree, Reorganized WCI would be required to pay a civil penalty to the United States in the amount of \$620,000.00. The Consent Decree includes an EPA covenant not to sue the settling parties pursuant to Section 7003 of RCRA.

The United States will consider all comments received and may modify or withdraw its consent to the settlement if comments received disclose facts or considerations which indicate that the settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. The United States' response to any comments received will be available by contacting Michael Beedle, Environmental Scientist, at (312) 353-7322 or [beedle.michael@epa.gov](mailto:beedle.michael@epa.gov).