

Proposed Superfund Consent Decree Calls for \$3.6 Million Payment for Past and Future Response Costs

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On August 16, 2010, the U.S. Department of Justice provided [notice in the Federal Register](#) that a proposed consent decree was filed in [United States v. Central Rubber Co., Case No. 3:10-cv-50193 \(Northern District of Illinois\)](#), which is a Superfund lawsuit filed by the federal government to recover response costs incurred or to be incurred by the United States as a result of releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances from the manufacturing facilities owned or operated by Central Rubber Company, Woodhead Industries, Inc., Textron, Inc., Camcar LLC, and Johns Manville. The facilities are located at the Parsons Casket Hardware Superfund Site, in Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois.

Under the proposed consent decree, the Settling Defendants will pay \$3.6 million to the United States in reimbursement of past and future response costs. The decree will also require "Owner Settling Defendants" (those defendants who own real property within the Superfund Site), to provide access to their properties to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which will be performing the remedial action at the site, to cooperate with U.S. EPA in its performance of the remedy, and to prepare and record Environmental Restrictive Covenants which grant certain Proprietary Controls to the State of Illinois and U.S. EPA to facilitate performance of the remedial action.

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