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17 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, )  
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19 Plaintiffs, )  
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21 v. )  
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23 MONTROSE CHEMICAL CORP. )  
OF CALIFORNIA, et al., )  
24 )  
25 Defendants. )  
26 )  
27 AND RELATED COUNTER, CROSS,  
AND THIRD PARTY ACTIONS.

NO. CV 90-3122-R  
  
PARTIAL CONSENT DECREE WITH  
MONTROSE CHEMICAL  
CORPORATION OF CALIFORNIA,  
AVENTIS CROPS SCIENCE USA, INC.,  
CHRIS-CRAFT INDUSTRIES, INC.,  
AND ATKEMIX THIRTY SEVEN,  
INC. (RELATING TO OFFSHORE  
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1 **CONSENT DECREE**

2 This Consent Decree ("Decree") is made and entered into by and among the  
3 United States of America ("the United States"), on behalf of the National Oceanic and  
4 Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), the Department of the Interior ("DOI") and the  
5 United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"); and the State Lands  
6 Commission, the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Parks and Recreation,  
7 the Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC"), the California Regional Water  
8 Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region ("Regional Board"), the California  
9 Hazardous Substance Account as defined in California Health and Safety Code section  
10 25330, the California Hazardous Substance Cleanup Fund as defined in California Health  
11 and Safety Code section 25385.3 and the California Toxic Substances Control Account as  
12 defined in California Health and Safety Code section 25173.6 (hereinafter collectively  
13 referred to as the "State"); and Defendants, Counter-claimants, Cross-claimants and  
14 Third-party Plaintiffs Montrose Chemical Corporation of California ("Montrose"),  
15 Aventis CropScience USA Inc. (formerly known as Rhone-Poulenc Inc.) ("Aventis"),  
16 Chris-Craft Industries, Inc., ("Chris-Craft") and Atkemix Thirty Seven, Inc. ("Atkemix-  
17 37") (collectively, the "DDT Defendants"). This Decree is not intended to affect in any  
18 way the United States' and the State's claims against any entity other than the Released  
19 Parties (as defined below).

20 **INTRODUCTION**

21 A. The United States, on behalf of NOAA and DOI in their capacities as  
22 natural resource trustees (hereafter the "Federal Trustees"), and on behalf of EPA, and the  
23 State, on behalf of the State Lands Commission, the Department of Fish and Game and  
24 the Department of Parks and Recreation in their capacities as natural resource trustees  
25 (hereafter the "State Trustees") (the Federal Trustees and State Trustees collectively are  
26 referred to as "the Trustees"), filed the original complaint in this action on June 18, 1990,  
27 under Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and  
28 Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607, seeking, *inter alia*,

1 recovery of damages, including damage assessment costs and related response costs, for  
2 injury to, destruction of, and loss of natural resources resulting from releases of hazardous  
3 substances, specifically including dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane and its metabolites  
4 (hereafter collectively "DDT"), and polychlorinated biphenyls (hereafter "PCBs"), from  
5 facilities in and around Los Angeles, California, into the environment, and for response  
6 costs incurred and for declaratory judgment for response costs to be incurred by EPA in  
7 connection with releases of hazardous substances into the environment at and from the  
8 Montrose Chemical Corporation Plant Property located at 20201 South Normandie  
9 Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The original complaint was amended on June 28, 1990,  
10 again on August 16, 1991, and again on December 8, 1999 ("Third Amended  
11 Complaint").

12 B. In the First Claim for Relief of the complaints, the United States and the  
13 State assert a claim against ten defendants, including the four DDT Defendants, under  
14 Section 107(a)(1-4)(C) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a)(1-4)(C), for alleged natural  
15 resource damages, including damage assessment costs and related response costs. The  
16 complaints allege that the DDT Defendants are and/or were owners and/or operators of  
17 the Montrose DDT manufacturing and formulation plant at 20201 Normandie Avenue,  
18 Los Angeles, California. The complaints further allege, among other things, that the  
19 Montrose Plant discharged wastewater containing hazardous substances, including DDT,  
20 into the County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County ("LACSD") and the  
21 collection system that conveys wastewater to the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant  
22 ("JWPCP") through the White's Point Outfall into the San Pedro Channel, that Montrose  
23 engaged in direct ocean dumping of DDT-containing wastes, and that DDT discharged  
24 into the air from the Montrose Plant Property (as defined herein) was deposited at Los  
25 Angeles and Long Beach Harbors and the San Pedro Channel, and that such discharges  
26 caused injury to natural resources.

27 C. In the Second Claim for Relief of the complaints, the United States and  
28 DTSC assert a claim for recovery of costs incurred and declaratory judgment for costs to

1 be incurred by EPA and DTSC in response to the release or threatened release of  
2 hazardous substances into the environment at and/or from the Montrose Plant Property (as  
3 defined herein) pursuant to Section 107(a)(1-4)(A) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a)(1-  
4 4)(A). The Third Amended Complaint specified that the second claim included costs  
5 incurred and declaratory judgment for costs to be incurred by EPA and DTSC in  
6 connection with, among other things, the White's Point Outfall leading to the San Pedro  
7 Channel, the Palos Verdes shelf, the Consolidated Slip, and the ocean dump sites used for  
8 disposal of Montrose waste.

9 D. In 1990 and 1991, the DDT Defendants answered the original complaint,  
10 counterclaimed against the Plaintiffs, cross-claimed against co-defendant LACSD and  
11 filed third party complaints against the City of Los Angeles and approximately 150 other  
12 local governmental entities who have since settled with the United States and the State  
13 (collectively, the "Settling Local Governmental Entities" or "SLGEs"). The District  
14 Court's approval of such settlements is the subject of a pending appeal by the DDT  
15 Defendants.

16 E. On April 24, 2000, the Court entered an order granting Plaintiffs' Motion  
17 for Partial Summary Judgment holding Montrose, Atkemix-37, and Aventis liable under  
18 CERCLA Section 107 for past and future response costs not inconsistent with the  
19 National Contingency Plan related to portions of the Onshore Areas (as defined herein).

20 F. On September 20, 2000, the Court entered an order granting Plaintiffs'  
21 Motion for Partial Summary Judgment holding Montrose and Aventis liable under  
22 CERCLA Section 107 for past and future response costs not inconsistent with the  
23 National Contingency Plan related to the Palos Verdes shelf.

24 G. Pursuant to a Partial Consent Decree that was entered by the Court on  
25 October 20, 2000, the DDT Defendants have already paid \$5.125 million as  
26 reimbursement and settlement of claims for past response costs incurred by the United  
27 States and DTSC as defined therein. In addition, Montrose previously paid  
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1 \$1,354,612.37 as reimbursement of past response costs incurred by the United States with  
2 respect to portions of the Onshore Areas.

3 H. Plaintiffs have previously settled with all other parties, including the  
4 SLGEs, CBS Corporation, and Potlatch/Simpson, for natural resource damages and  
5 response costs.

6 I. Trial in this action between Plaintiffs and the DDT Defendants commenced  
7 on October 17, 2000.

8 J. Subject to the reservations and re-openers in this Decree, this Decree finally  
9 and fully resolves all present and future liability of the Released Parties to the United  
10 States on behalf of the Federal Trustees, and the State on behalf of the State Trustees, for  
11 Natural Resource Damages (as defined herein). Subject to the reservations and re-  
12 openers in this Decree, this Decree finally and fully resolves all present and future  
13 liability of the Released Parties to the United States (including EPA) and DTSC and the  
14 Regional Board for Response Costs and for DOJ Costs (as those terms are defined  
15 herein). The Released Parties also receive contribution protection for all matters  
16 addressed herein.

17 K. This Consent Decree does not resolve the Released Parties' liability to EPA  
18 or DTSC for any matter related to the Onshore Areas (except DOJ Costs). EPA has not  
19 selected final remedies for portions of the Onshore Areas, including: the neighborhoods,  
20 the DNAPL, the storm water pathway, and on-property and near-property soils.

21 L. On August 21, 1997, EPA provided notice of its rulemaking proposing to  
22 amend the Montrose Chemical NPL listing to include the effluent-affected DDT and PCB  
23 contaminated sediments on the Palos Verdes shelf. See 62 Fed. Reg. 44430, August 21,  
24 1997. The DDT Defendants submitted written comments to that proposed rulemaking,  
25 through their counsel, on October 16, 1997. The United States believes that the DDT and  
26 PCB contaminated sediments are already included as part of the Montrose Chemical NPL  
27 Site but has agreed to take no action relying on that position until the above-noted  
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1 rulemaking is concluded. No action taken by the United States in that rulemaking shall  
2 affect the covenants not to sue contained in this Decree.

3 M. EPA is conducting the Palos Verdes shelf investigation under the authority  
4 of CERCLA to determine the nature and extent of contamination of the Palos Verdes  
5 shelf, to assess effects of the contamination on the environment and human health, and to  
6 determine whether to select response actions, if any, to address the contamination.  
7 Subject to the reservations and re-openers in this Decree, this Decree resolves the  
8 Released Parties' potential liability for any costs associated with such response actions.

9 N. EPA has investigated a broad range of response alternatives for the Palos  
10 Verdes shelf. EPA ultimately decided to focus its investigations on the no action,  
11 institutional controls and in-place capping alternatives. In March 2000, EPA proposed  
12 an institutional controls program for public comment. EPA is also continuing to evaluate  
13 capping as a potential response action for the Palos Verdes shelf. Subject to the  
14 reservations and re-openers in this Decree, this Decree resolves the Released Parties'  
15 potential liability for any costs associated with such response actions.

16 O. The Trustees will use all damages to (1) reimburse past and future Damage  
17 Assessment Costs, and (2) restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of the injured natural  
18 resources and/or the services provided by such resources. The Trustees will use the  
19 damages for restoration of injured natural resources, including bald eagles, peregrine  
20 falcons and other marine birds, fish and the habitats upon which they depend, as well as  
21 providing for implementation of restoration projects intended to compensate the public  
22 for lost use of natural resources. The Trustees will undertake a restoration planning  
23 process to determine which restoration projects will most effectively restore the injured  
24 resources as well as compensate for lost use of those resources. The details for specific  
25 projects will be contained in a draft restoration plan. A final restoration plan will be  
26 prepared and implemented by the Trustees after providing public notice, opportunity for  
27 public input and consideration of public comments.

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1 P. The United States and the State also have agreed on an allocation of the  
2 settlement amount between EPA/DTSC Response Costs and the Trustees' damage  
3 assessment costs and Natural Resource Damages. The United States and the State have  
4 agreed that the DDT Defendants shall pay a total of \$30 million to the Trustees to resolve  
5 any potential liability of Released Parties for Natural Resource Damages and shall pay a  
6 total of \$43 million to EPA and DTSC to resolve any potential liability of the Released  
7 Parties for Response Costs. None of the settlement amount nor any of the interest earned  
8 thereon shall be used for or credited to the Onshore Areas. As specified in Paragraph  
9 11.C, the United States and the State have agreed that, under certain conditions, \$10  
10 million of this \$43 million may be used either (1) by DTSC for response actions or (2) by  
11 the Trustees for natural resource restoration.

12 Q. This settlement is made in good faith after arm's-length negotiations  
13 conducted under the supervision of Special Master John Francis Carroll. The United  
14 States, State of California, and DDT Defendants agree, and this Court by entering this  
15 Consent Decree finds, that this Consent Decree has been negotiated by the Parties in good  
16 faith, that settlement of this matter and entry of this Decree will avoid further complicated  
17 litigation between the Parties, is the most appropriate means to resolve the matters  
18 covered herein, and is fair, reasonable and in the public interest.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE,** with the consent of the Parties to this Decree, it is hereby  
20 **ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:**

21 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

22 1. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Parties. This Court has  
23 personal jurisdiction over the non-DDT-Defendant Released Parties, which submit to this  
24 Court's jurisdiction for purposes related to implementation of this Consent Decree. This  
25 Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and the Parties to this Decree  
26 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1345, 1651 and 1367, and Sections 106, 107 and 113(b)  
27 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607 and 9613(b), and the principles of supplemental  
28 jurisdiction. The Parties and the Released Parties waive all objections and defenses that



1 they may have to jurisdiction of the Court or to venue in this District and to service of  
2 process. The Released Parties consent to and shall not challenge entry of this Consent  
3 Decree or this Court's jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Decree.

4 **APPLICABILITY OF DECREE**

5 2. The provisions of this Decree, including the covenants not to sue and  
6 contribution protection, shall be binding on, apply to, and inure to the benefit of the  
7 United States, the State, the DDT Defendants and their successors and assigns, and for the  
8 purposes of Paragraphs 8 through 10, 12 through 15, and 27, the Released Parties, their  
9 successors and assigns. No change in the ownership or organizational form or status of  
10 the Released Parties shall affect their rights or obligations under this Decree.

11 **EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT/ENTRY OF JUDGMENT**

12 3. This Decree was negotiated and executed by the Parties hereto in good faith  
13 at arm's length to avoid the continuation of expensive and protracted litigation and is a  
14 fair and equitable settlement of claims which were vigorously contested. The DDT  
15 Defendants do not admit any of Plaintiffs' allegations or claims set forth herein and deny  
16 any liability whatsoever for Plaintiffs' claims against the DDT Defendants set forth in the  
17 complaints. The Released Parties do not admit that any area other than the Montrose Plant  
18 Property has been impacted by hazardous substance releases from the Montrose Plant  
19 Property. This Decree should not constitute or be interpreted, construed or used as  
20 evidence of any admission of liability, law or fact. Except as otherwise provided in the  
21 Federal Rules of Evidence, this Consent Decree is not admissible in evidence against any  
22 Party by any person or entity not a Party to the Decree in any judicial or administrative  
23 proceeding.

24 4. Upon approval and entry of this Decree by the Court, this Decree shall  
25 constitute a final judgment between and among the United States and the State, and the  
26 DDT Defendants regarding the matters addressed and resolved by this Decree.

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**DEFINITIONS**

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2           5.       This Decree incorporates the definitions set forth in Section 101 of  
3 CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601, including but not limited to the definitions of the terms  
4 “release” and “response.” In addition, whenever the following terms are used in this  
5 Decree, they shall have the following meanings:

6           A.       “Damage Assessment Costs” shall mean all costs associated with the  
7 planning, design, implementation and oversight of the Trustees' damage assessment  
8 process, which addresses the extent and quantification of the injury to, destruction of or  
9 loss of natural resources and the services provided by these resources resulting from  
10 releases of hazardous substances alleged in the First Claim for Relief of the complaints,  
11 and with the planning of restoration or replacement of such natural resources and the  
12 services provided by those resources, or the planning of the acquisition of equivalent  
13 resources or services, and any other costs necessary to carry out the Trustees'  
14 responsibilities with respect to those natural resources, including all related enforcement  
15 costs, including without limitation all costs and interest thereon identified in the expert  
16 reports submitted in this action by Plaintiffs' expert Wiley Wright, C.P.A.

17           B.       “Date of Entry of this Decree” shall mean the date on which the District  
18 Court has approved and entered this Decree as a judgment.

19           C.       “Date of Final Approval of this Decree” shall mean the later of (1) the date  
20 on which the District Court has approved and entered this Decree as a judgment and all  
21 applicable appeal periods have expired without an appeal being filed, or (2) if an appeal is  
22 taken, the date on which the District Court’s judgment is affirmed and there is no further  
23 right to appellate review. However, if no party appears in District Court to oppose entry  
24 of this Decree, then the Date of Final Approval of this Decree shall mean the Date of  
25 Entry of this Decree.

26           D.       “Date of Lodging of this Decree” shall mean the date that this Decree is  
27 lodged, or a copy of it is filed, with the Court.

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1 E. "DOJ Costs" means costs incurred by or through the United States  
2 Department of Justice ("DOJ") in this action; however, the term "DOJ Costs" does not  
3 include 1) any costs incurred to enforce this Decree, 2) any response costs that may be  
4 incurred by or through DOJ with respect to Onshore Areas after the Date of Entry of this  
5 Decree or 3) any response costs that may be incurred by or through DOJ with respect to  
6 proceedings initiated under Paragraphs 9 or 14 of this Decree.

7 F. "Montrose Plant Property" shall mean for purposes of this Decree the  
8 thirteen (13) acre parcel at 20201 South Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California at  
9 which, among other things, Montrose Chemical Corporation of California operated a  
10 DDT manufacturing and, later, a formulation plant.

11 G. "Natural Resource Damages" shall mean damages, including loss of use,  
12 restoration costs, resource replacement costs or equivalent resource values, Damage  
13 Assessment Costs, and any other costs that have been incurred in the past or will be  
14 incurred in the future by the Trustees or any other person pursuant to Trustee approval,  
15 authorization or direction, with respect to injury to, destruction of, or loss of any and all  
16 natural resources in and around the Offshore Areas.

17 H. "Offshore Areas" for purposes of this Decree shall mean all of the  
18 following areas to which hazardous substances, including without limitation DDT,  
19 originating from the Montrose Plant Property or the Stauffer Dominguez Plant Property  
20 have or may come to be located: the areas in and around Santa Catalina and the other  
21 Channel Islands, the Palos Verdes shelf including the Palos Verdes Slope, the San Pedro  
22 Channel, the White's Point Outfall, the Long Beach Harbor and the Los Angeles Harbor  
23 (excluding Consolidated Slip as defined in Paragraph 5.I below), Santa Monica Bay and  
24 San Pedro Bay, those offshore areas described in the February 6, 1990 draft Damage  
25 Assessment Plan and/or the March 8, 1991 draft Injury Determination Plan published by  
26 the Trustees (excluding Consolidated Slip as defined in Paragraph 5.I below), any ocean  
27 dumpsites used for disposing of wastes from the Montrose Plant Property and any  
28 offshore areas to which hazardous substances, including without limitation DDT, aerially

1 or otherwise originating from the Montrose Plant Property or the Stauffer Dominguez  
2 Plant Property have or may come to be located.

3 I. "Onshore Areas," for purposes of this Consent Decree only, shall mean the  
4 Montrose Plant Property and the areas that EPA or DTSC has investigated or may  
5 investigate in the future (excluding Offshore Areas, as defined above) because EPA or  
6 DTSC believes that hazardous substances may have come to be located there from the  
7 Montrose Plant Property, including, without limitation, the following: the real property  
8 located at 1401 West Del Amo Blvd., Los Angeles, California and owned by Jones Inc;  
9 groundwater contaminated by hazardous substances at or emanating from the Montrose  
10 Plant Property; those portions of the Normandie Avenue Ditch adjacent to and south of  
11 20201 Normandie Avenue; the Kenwood Drain; the Torrance Lateral; the Dominguez  
12 Channel (from Laguna Dominguez to the Consolidated Slip); the LACSD J.O. "D" sewer  
13 from manholes D33 to D 5 (approximately Francisco St. to 234<sup>th</sup> St.); the LACSD District  
14 5 Interceptor sewer from manholes A475 to A442 (approximately Francisco St. to  
15 Sepulveda Blvd.); the real property on which the sewer rights-of-way are located for  
16 those portions of the District 5 Interceptor and J.O. "D" sewer identified above; the real  
17 property burdened by the adjacent railroad rights-of-way for those portions of the District  
18 5 Interceptor and J.O. "D" sewers identified above; the area bounded by Del Amo Blvd.,  
19 Western Ave., Torrance Blvd. and Normandie Ave.; the area bounded by Normandie  
20 Ave., Del Amo Blvd., Vermont Ave., and Torrance Blvd; and the portion of the Los  
21 Angeles Harbor known as the Consolidated Slip from the mouth of the Dominguez  
22 Channel south to but not extending beyond Pier 200B and 200Y.

23 J. "Parties" shall mean the United States, the State, and the DDT Defendants.

24 K. "Released Parties" shall mean the DDT Defendants, their predecessor or  
25 successor entities, and direct or indirect parents or subsidiaries, to the extent of any  
26 derivative liability attributable to any such entities, and further includes any of such  
27 entities' current or former officers, directors, and employees, provided and to the extent  
28 that any such individuals were acting within the scope of their duties and in their capacity

1 as officers, directors, or employees; and, for the purposes of Paragraphs 8, 9, 10, and 12,  
2 13, 14, 15, and 27, "Released Parties" includes Stauffer Management Company, Imperial  
3 Chemical Industries PLC, ICI International Investments, Inc., Zeneca Inc., Zeneca  
4 Holdings, Inc., Stauffer Chemical Company (a former corporation organized under the  
5 laws of the State of Delaware), Rhodia Inc., Aventis CropScience USA LP, together with  
6 their predecessor or successor entities, and direct or indirect parents or subsidiaries, to the  
7 extent of any derivative liability attributable to any such entities, and further includes any  
8 of such entities' current or former officers, directors, and employees, provided and to the  
9 extent that any such individuals were acting within the scope of their duties and in their  
10 capacity as officers, directors, or employees.

11 L. "Response Costs" shall mean for purposes of this Decree all costs of  
12 response as provided in Section 107(a)(1-4)(A), (B) and (D) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §  
13 9607(a)(1-4)(A), (B) and (D), and as defined in Section 101(25) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §  
14 9601(25), that the United States (including EPA), or the State (including DTSC or the  
15 Regional Board), or any other person have incurred in the past or will incur in the future  
16 with respect to the Offshore Areas.

17 M. "Stauffer Dominguez Plant Property" shall mean that real property located  
18 at 20720 South Wilmington Avenue, Dominguez, California and formerly occupied by  
19 Stauffer Chemical Company.

20 N. "United States" shall mean the United States of America, including its  
21 departments, agencies and instrumentalities.

22 **DDT DEFENDANTS' PAYMENT;**

23 **ESTABLISHMENT OF ESCROW ACCOUNT**

24 6 A. The DDT Defendants shall pay to Plaintiffs \$73 million plus any interest  
25 earned on that amount in the Escrow (as defined below).

26 B. Within ten (10) business days of the Date of Lodging of this Decree, the  
27 DDT Defendants shall create an escrow account (the "Escrow") bearing interest on  
28 commercially reasonable terms, in a federally-chartered bank with an office in the State

1 of California, and pay into the Escrow a total sum of \$50 million (the "First Escrowed  
2 Settlement Amount"). The DDT Defendants shall bear all costs of establishing and  
3 maintaining the Escrow. The DDT Defendants shall notify Plaintiffs in writing of the  
4 creation and funding of the Escrow immediately after the above payment has been made,  
5 and provide on request all documentation concerning the account, including any  
6 agreements concerning the determination of interest rates.

7 C. On or before May 1, 2001, the DDT Defendants shall pay an additional \$23  
8 million into the Escrow (the "Second Escrowed Settlement Amount").

9 D. The First and Second Escrowed Settlement Amounts paid into the Escrow shall  
10 remain in the Escrow and may not be withdrawn except to make the payments required  
11 by Paragraph 7 and/or 11 of this Decree or unless a final judicial determination by the  
12 District Court is made that entry of this Decree will not be approved and all applicable  
13 appeal periods have expired without an appeal, or if an appeal is taken, the date on which  
14 the District Court spreads the mandate issued by the appellate court not approving the  
15 Decree. In the event that final judicial approval is not obtained, the settlement amount  
16 paid into the Escrow and all accrued interest shall be returned to the DDT Defendants.

17 **NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGES PAYMENTS**

18 7. A. Within ten (10) business days after the Date of Final Approval of this  
19 Decree, or on May 11, 2001, whichever date is later, the DDT Defendants shall make a  
20 payment of the sum of \$30 million from the Escrow account together with a proportional  
21 share of accrued interest to the Department of the Interior, on behalf of the State Trustees  
22 and the Federal Trustees, by Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT") in accordance with  
23 instructions to be provided to the DDT Defendants by the Trustees. Transmittal letters  
24 indicating that the EFT and escrow and payment disbursements have occurred shall be  
25 sent to the Parties in accordance with Paragraph 29 of this Decree and to:

26 Charles McKinley, Esq.  
27 Office of the Solicitor  
28 U.S. Department of the Interior  
600 Harrison Street, Suite 545  
San Francisco, CA 94197-1373

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Bruce Nessler  
DOI Restoration Fund Manager  
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The EFT and transmittal letters shall reflect that the payment is being made to the "Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund, Account No. 14X5198." The Department of the Interior will assign these funds a special project number to allow the funds to be maintained as a segregated account within the Department of the Interior Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (the "Montrose NRD Account").

B. The Department of the Interior shall, in accordance with law, manage and invest funds in the Montrose NRD Account. Any return on investments or interest accrued on the Account shall be used by the Natural Resource Trustees to address injuries to natural resources caused by releases of hazardous substances at or from the Montrose Plant Property. The Department of the Interior shall not make any charge against the Montrose NRD Account for any investment or management services provided.

C. The Department of the Interior shall hold all funds in the Montrose NRD Account, including return on investments or accrued interest, subject to the provisions of this Decree and any memorandum of understanding entered into by the Natural Resource Trustees. The Natural Resource Trustees retain the ultimate authority and responsibility to use funds received for Natural Resource Damages in accordance with the provisions of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601, et seq., this Decree, and other relevant federal and state law governing use of recoveries for Natural Resource Damages to address those injured resources described in the Introduction.

**COVENANTS NOT TO SUE FOR NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGES**

8. Except as specifically provided in Paragraphs 9 and 10 of this Decree, the United States, the State, and agencies or instrumentalities thereof, each hereby covenants not to sue or to take any other civil or administrative action against the Released Parties



1 for any and all civil or administrative liability to the United States, the State, and agencies  
2 or instrumentalities thereof, for Natural Resource Damages under CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§  
3 9601, et seq., or under any other federal, state or common law.

4 **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS FOR NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGES**

5 9. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Decree, the Trustees  
6 reserve the right to institute proceedings against the Released Parties in this action or in a  
7 new action seeking recovery of Natural Resource Damages, based on (1) injury to,  
8 destruction of, or loss of natural resources resulting from conditions which were unknown  
9 to the Trustees on the Date of Lodging of this Decree ("Unknown Conditions"); or (2)  
10 information received by the Trustees after the Date of Lodging of this Decree which  
11 indicates there is injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, of a type unknown  
12 to the Trustees as of the Date of Lodging of this Decree ("New Information")

13 B. Each of the following shall not be considered to be Unknown Conditions or  
14 New Information within the meaning of Paragraph 9.A (1) or (2): (1) an increase solely  
15 in the Trustees' assessment of the magnitude of the injury, destruction or loss to natural  
16 resources, or in the estimated or actual Natural Resource Damages; (2) a determination by  
17 the Trustees that a previously identified natural resource injury was caused by any DDT  
18 Defendant's release of a hazardous substance, including hazardous substances other than  
19 PCBs or DDT; or (3) any Natural Resource Damages arising from any re-exposure or  
20 resuspension on the Offshore Areas of the DDT- or PCB-contaminated sediments  
21 currently located there, including but not limited to, such re-exposure or resuspension of  
22 sediments resulting from:

- 23 (a) LACSD's sampling activities (by coring, trawling or otherwise);  
24 (b) LACSD's institution of full secondary treatment of wastewater at the  
25 JWPCP and the discharge of such wastewater through the White's Point  
26 Outfall;  
27 (c) any response activity or similar activity performed by or at the direction of  
28 any Federal or State governmental body or any other person;

1 (d) any act of God; or

2 (e) an earthquake.

3 C. The Released Parties reserve their right to contest any claims allowed by  
4 Paragraph 9.A of this Decree, and the Released Parties do not by consenting to this  
5 Decree waive any defenses to such claims, except that the Released Parties covenant not  
6 to assert, and may not maintain, any defense based upon principles of waiver, res judicata,  
7 collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim splitting, or other defense based upon the  
8 contention that the claims that are allowed by Paragraph 9.A of this Decree were or  
9 should have been brought in the instant case. In the event that the Trustees institute  
10 proceedings under Paragraph 9.A of this Decree, the Released Parties reserve the right to  
11 assert potential cross-claims, counterclaims or third party claims against the United States  
12 or the State, or any employee, officer, agency or instrumentality thereof, relating solely to  
13 such claims asserted by the Trustees pursuant to Paragraph 9.A. Nothing in this Decree  
14 shall be deemed to constitute preauthorization of a claim within the meaning of Section  
15 111 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611.

16 D. In addition to defenses that may be asserted by Released Parties pursuant to  
17 Paragraph 9.C above, and a defense that a future release of hazardous substances now  
18 present in the sediments of the Offshore Areas was the result of conditions or information  
19 known to the Trustees on the Date of Lodging of this Decree, the Released Parties will  
20 not be liable for Natural Resource Damages arising from a future release of hazardous  
21 substances now present in the sediments of the Offshore Areas, including but not limited  
22 to any release resulting from: (1) LACSD's sampling activities (by coring, trawling, or  
23 otherwise); (2) LACSD's institution of full secondary treatment of wastewater at the  
24 JWPCP and the discharge of such wastewater through the White's Point Outfall; (3) any  
25 response activity or similar activity performed by or at the direction of any Federal or  
26 State governmental body or any other person; (4) any act of God; or (5) an earthquake.

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1           10. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Decree, the covenants not to  
2 sue in Paragraph 8 shall apply only to matters addressed in Paragraph 8 and specifically  
3 shall not apply to the following claims:

4           A. claims based on a failure by the DDT Defendants to satisfy the  
5 requirements of this Decree;

6           B. claims for criminal liability; and

7           C. claims arising from the past, present or future disposal, release or threat of  
8 release of hazardous substances that do not involve the Offshore Areas.

9                           **PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO RESPONSE ACTIVITIES**

10           11. A. Within ten (10) business days after the Date of Final Approval of this  
11 Decree, or on May 11, 2001, whichever date is later, the DDT Defendants shall pay to  
12 EPA the sum of \$33 million from the Escrow account together with a proportional share  
13 of the accrued interest. The DDT Defendants shall make this payment to "the United  
14 States Environmental Protection Agency, Montrose Chemical National Priorities List  
15 Superfund Site-Palos Verdes Shelf Operable Unit Special Account." The payment to  
16 EPA shall be made by Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT" or "wire transfer") in accordance  
17 with instructions provided by the United States to the DDT Defendants at the time of  
18 Lodging of the Decree. Any EFT received after 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) will be  
19 credited on the next business day. The DDT Defendants shall send notice of the EFT to  
20 Plaintiffs as provided in Paragraph 29 of this Decree. All payments to the United States  
21 under this Paragraph shall reference the Montrose Chemical Corporation of California  
22 Superfund Site, Site # 9T26, DOJ Case # 90-11-3-511, and U.S.A.F.I. file number  
23 9003085. The amounts paid to EPA pursuant to this Consent Decree and deposited into  
24 the above-referenced EPA special account shall be retained and used to conduct or  
25 finance response actions at or in connection with the Palos Verdes shelf, or transferred by  
26 EPA to the Hazardous Substance Superfund.

27           B. Within ten (10) business days after the Date of Final Approval of this  
28 Decree, or on May 11, 2001, whichever date is later, the DDT Defendants shall make a

1 payment of \$10 million from the Escrow (together with a proportional share of the  
2 accrued interest) into a Court Registry Account (“the Court Registry Account”). The  
3 payment shall be made by certified or bank check payable to “Clerk, United States  
4 District Court.” The check shall include on its face a statement that it is a payment in  
5 Civil Action NO. CV 90-3122-R (C.D. Cal.) and shall be sent to:

6 Office of the Clerk  
7 United States District Court for the  
8 Central District of California  
312 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-4793.

9 The DDT Defendants shall send notice of this payment to Plaintiffs as provided in  
10 Paragraph 29 of this Decree. The Registry of Court shall administer the amount  
11 transferred by the DDT Defendants in an interest bearing account as provided in the  
12 Order Directing the Deposit of Settlement Amounts Into the Registry of Court (“Deposit  
13 Order”) issued by this Court pursuant to Rule 67 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,  
14 28 U.S.C. Section 2041, and Local Rule 22 of the Local Rules for the Central District of  
15 California. The Deposit Order shall be lodged concurrently with the lodging of this  
16 Decree and shall be entered by the Court at the time of entry of this Decree. All funds  
17 and all interest accrued thereon in the Court Registry Account shall be held in the name of  
18 the “Clerk, United States District Court” for the benefit of the United States and State.  
19 Upon joint application by the United States and the State and upon order of this Court,  
20 monies in the Court Registry Account shall be disbursed consistent with Paragraph 11.C  
21 below.

22 C. In the event EPA selects an in-situ remedial action for the Palos Verdes Shelf  
23 (e.g. capping, dredging or biological treatment) and if the Record of Decision includes an  
24 operation and maintenance requirement, then all funds retained in the Court Registry  
25 Account (established under Paragraph 11.B above), including interest, shall be paid from  
26 the Court Registry Account to DTSC for the State’s use in implementing operation and  
27 maintenance actions with respect to such in-situ remedial action. Or in the event EPA  
28 makes a response action selection determination to not select any in-situ response action

1 (either in a Record of Decision which would not require operation and maintenance or in  
2 a Removal Action Memorandum), then all funds retained in the Court Registry Account  
3 (established under Paragraph 11.B above), including interest, shall be paid from the Court  
4 Registry Account to the Trustees. Otherwise, the funds shall be paid from the Court  
5 Registry Account (established under Paragraph 11.B above), including interest, to the  
6 United States Environmental Protection Agency, Montrose Chemical National Priorities  
7 List Superfund Site-Palos Verdes Shelf Operable Unit Special Account to be used by  
8 EPA as specified in Paragraph 11.A. above.

9 **COVENANT NOT TO SUE FOR**

10 **RESPONSE ACTIVITIES AND COSTS RELATING TO THE OFFSHORE**

11 **AREAS AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

12 12. Except as specifically provided in Paragraphs 13 and 14 of this Decree, the  
13 United States, the State, and agencies and instrumentalities thereof, each hereby  
14 covenants not to sue or to take any other civil or administrative action against the  
15 Released Parties to compel response activities relating to the Offshore Areas, to recover  
16 DOJ Costs, or to recover Response Costs, including but not limited to, costs for studies  
17 and evaluations of the area covered by response activities under CERCLA Sections 106  
18 and 107, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607, or pursuant to the California Hazardous Substance  
19 Account Act, California Health and Safety Code §§ 25300, et seq., or any other state  
20 statute or state common law. In addition, the United States, the State, and agencies and  
21 instrumentalities thereof, each hereby covenants not to sue or take administrative action  
22 against the Released Parties to compel response activities with respect to the Offshore  
23 Areas, recover DOJ Costs, or recover Response Costs under the Resource Conservation  
24 and Recovery Act ("RCRA") Sections 3008(h), 3013, or 7003, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6928(h),  
25 6934, or 6973, or California Health and Safety Code § 25187. The State, and agencies  
26 and instrumentalities thereof, each hereby further covenants not to sue or take  
27 administrative action against the Released Parties to compel response activities with  
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1 respect to the Offshore Areas or to recover Response Costs under Section 7002 of RCRA,  
2 42 U.S.C. § 6972.

3 13. The covenants set forth in Paragraph 12 pertain only to matters expressly  
4 specified therein, and extend only to the Released Parties. Any claim or defense which  
5 the United States or the State has against any other person or entity is expressly reserved.  
6 The United States and the State reserve, and this Decree is without prejudice to, all other  
7 rights and claims against Released Parties with respect to all other matters, including but  
8 not limited to, the following:

9 A. any and all claims against the DDT Defendants based upon or resulting  
10 from a failure to meet a requirement of this Decree;

11 B. claims for criminal liability;

12 C. claims for violations of any other federal or state law;

13 D. claims arising from the presence of a hazardous substance at any location  
14 outside of the Offshore Areas (as defined herein), including but not limited to the  
15 Onshore Areas (as defined herein), the Stauffer Dominguez Plant Property and the  
16 proposed Del Amo NPL Site, as it may be defined by EPA.

17 14. A. In addition to the reservations set out in Paragraph 13, the United  
18 States and the State reserve, and this Decree is without prejudice to, the right to institute  
19 proceedings in this action or in a new action seeking to compel the Released Parties to  
20 take a response action or reimburse the United States or the State for additional Response  
21 Costs if, subsequent to the Date of Lodging of this Decree, the United States or the State:

22 1. receives, in whole or in part, information unknown to EPA, DTSC or  
23 the Regional Board as of the Date of Lodging of this Decree, indicating that after the Date  
24 of Lodging of this Decree one or more of the Released Parties released one or more  
25 hazardous substances that come to be located at the Offshore Areas, and that EPA, DTSC  
26 or the Regional Board determines may be a threat to human health or the environment,  
27 provided that the foregoing shall not be deemed to apply to any re-exposure or  
28 resuspension on the Offshore Areas of the DDT- or PCB-contaminated sediments

1 currently located there; including but not limited to, such re-exposure or resuspension of  
2 sediments resulting from:

- 3 (a) LACSD's sampling activities (by coring, trawling or otherwise);
- 4 (b) LACSD's institution of full secondary treatment of wastewater at the  
5 JWPCP and the discharge of such wastewater through the White's Point  
6 Outfall;
- 7 (c) any response activity or similar activity performed by or at the direction of  
8 any Federal or State governmental body or any other person;
- 9 (d) any act of God; or
- 10 (e) an earthquake.

11 2. discovers a condition at the Offshore Areas, that EPA, DTSC or the  
12 Regional Board determines may be a threat to human health or welfare or the  
13 environment, and that was unknown to EPA, DTSC or the Regional Board prior to the  
14 Date of Lodging of this Decree.

15 B. The DDT Defendants reserve their right to contest any claims allowed by  
16 Paragraphs 14.A.1 or 14.A.2 of this Decree, and the DDT Defendants do not by consenting  
17 to this Decree waive any defenses to such claims, except that the DDT Defendants  
18 covenant not to assert, and may not maintain, any defense based upon principles of  
19 waiver, res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim splitting or other defense  
20 based upon the contention that the claims that are allowed by Paragraphs 14.A.1. or  
21 14.A.2 of this Decree were or should have been brought in the instant case. In the event  
22 that the United States or the State institutes proceedings under Paragraphs 14.A.1 or  
23 14.A.2 of this Decree, the DDT Defendants reserve the right to assert potential cross-  
24 claims, counterclaims or third party claims against the United States, the State, or any  
25 employee, officer, agency or instrumentality thereof, relating to such claims asserted by  
26 the United States or the State, and the agencies or instrumentalities thereof. Nothing in  
27 this Decree shall be deemed to constitute preauthorization of a claim within the meaning  
28 of Section 111 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611, or 40 C.F.R. § 300.700 (d).



**COVENANTS BY RELEASED PARTIES**

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2 15. A. Subject to Paragraph 9.C, the Released Parties hereby covenant not to  
3 sue or to assert any civil or administrative claim or cause of action against the United  
4 States, or any employee, officer, agency or instrumentality thereof, and/or against the  
5 State, or any employee, officer, agency or instrumentality thereof (but not including  
6 counties, cities, local governmental entities or sanitation districts), for any matters relating  
7 to Natural Resource Damages including, but not limited to, the counterclaims asserted in  
8 the DDT Defendants' answer to any of the complaints in this action, claims arising  
9 pursuant to any other federal law, state law or common law, including, but not limited to,  
10 any direct or indirect claim pursuant to Section 112 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9612,  
11 against the Hazardous Substance Superfund, any claim pursuant to Section 113(f) of  
12 CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f), for contribution, any claim pursuant to the Federal Tort  
13 Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b) and 2671, et seq., or any claim arising from any  
14 express or implied contract pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1346(a)(2) or 28 U.S.C. § 1491(a)(1).

15 B. Subject to Paragraph 14.B, the Released Parties hereby covenant not to sue  
16 and agree not to assert any civil or administrative claim or cause of action against the  
17 United States, or any employee, officer, agency or instrumentality thereof, and/or the  
18 State, or any employee, officer, agency or instrumentality thereof (but not including  
19 counties, cities, local governmental entities or sanitation districts) with respect to the  
20 Offshore Areas or this Decree, including but not limited to (1) any direct or indirect claim  
21 for reimbursement from the Hazardous Substance Superfund established pursuant to 26  
22 U.S.C. § 9507, under CERCLA Sections 106(b)(2), 111, 112 or 113, 42 U.S.C. §§  
23 9606(b)(2), 9611, 9612 or 9613, any claim pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28  
24 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b) and 2671 et seq., or any claim arising from any express or implied  
25 contract pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1346(a)(2) or 28 U.S.C. § 1491(a)(1), or any claim  
26 pursuant to the California Hazardous Substance Account Act, California Health and  
27 Safety Code §§ 25300, et seq., or under any other provision of law; (2) any claim with  
28 respect to the Offshore Areas under CERCLA Sections 107 or 113, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 or

1 9613, against the United States, including any department, agency or instrumentality of  
2 the United States and/or the State, or any employee, officer, agency or instrumentality  
3 thereof (but not including counties, cities, local governmental entities or sanitation  
4 districts); or (3) any claims arising out of response activities at the Offshore Areas.  
5 Nothing in this Decree shall be deemed to constitute preauthorization of a claim within  
6 the meaning of Section 111 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611, or 40 C.F.R. § 300.700(d).

7 C. DDT Defendants covenant to and shall, within ten (10) days after the Date  
8 of Final Approval of this Decree, dismiss and withdraw their appeal to the Ninth Circuit  
9 of this Court's entry of the Amended Consent Decree with the Settling Local  
10 Governmental Entities, the Amended Consent Decree with Potlatch/Simpson and the  
11 Consent Decree with CBS (collectively, Case No. 99-56895).

12 D. The DDT Defendants covenant to and hereby do dismiss with prejudice,  
13 effective upon the Date of Final Approval of this Decree, any and all counterclaims that  
14 have been asserted at any time in this action. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
15 41(a)(1), all parties stipulate to the dismissal with prejudice of all counterclaims that have  
16 been asserted at any time in this action. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure  
17 41(a)(2) and (c), the Court hereby orders that on the Date of Final Approval of this  
18 Decree, all counterclaims that have been asserted at any time in this action are dismissed  
19 with prejudice. No party hereto shall appeal the Court's disposition of any of the  
20 counterclaims in this action. Nothing herein shall preclude the Released Parties from  
21 asserting claims permitted by Paragraph 9.C. and 14.B.

22 E. The Released Parties covenant not to raise, in any future administrative or  
23 judicial proceeding or otherwise, and hereby waive, any argument that any portion of the  
24 settlement amounts paid pursuant to this Decree should be used for or credited towards  
25 any response actions relating to the Onshore Areas. Defendants shall not object to the  
26 manner in which Plaintiffs use, distribute, or credit the settlement amounts. No portion of  
27 the settlement amounts paid pursuant to this Decree shall be credited towards any future  
28 response costs relating to the Onshore Areas.

1 F. The Released Parties hereby covenant not to sue or to assert any civil or  
2 administrative claim or cause of action against any other signatory to a settlement with  
3 the United States and State of California that has previously been approved by the United  
4 States District Court in this action, or any employee, officer, agency or instrumentality of  
5 such a signatory, for any matter relating to Natural Resource Damages, Response Costs,  
6 or DOJ Costs, including but not limited to any claim under Sections 107 or 113(f) of  
7 CERCLA (42 U.S.C. Section 9607 and Section 9613(f)), to the same extent the Released  
8 Parties are protected against claims in Paragraph 27. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the  
9 scope of this covenant not to sue is limited to suits or civil or administrative actions for  
10 Natural Resource Damages, Response Costs, or DOJ Costs encompassed by the  
11 covenants contained in Paragraphs 8 and 12 above but which for whatever reason are not  
12 encompassed by the covenants not to sue given by the United States and the State of  
13 California to the signatories to the prior settlements.

14 G. The covenants set forth in Paragraph 15.A-15.E pertain only to matters  
15 expressly specified therein, and extend only to the United States and State. The Released  
16 Parties reserve, and this Decree is without prejudice to, all other rights, claims and  
17 defenses against the United States or State, including without limitation, in response to  
18 claims brought pursuant to Paragraphs 10 and 13.

19 **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

20 16. On October 18, 2000, the Court took under submission the issue of liability  
21 of the DDT Defendants for certain onshore areas to which hazardous substances from the  
22 Montrose Plant are alleged to have been released. On October 27, 2000, the Court took  
23 under submission the issue of the alleged liability of Chris-Craft as an operator of the  
24 Montrose Plant. The Court may render judgment on these two issues regardless of  
25 whether this Consent Decree is approved. No Party may make any motion to the Court  
26 prior to the Court's rendering judgment on the foregoing two issues except for motions to  
27 enter and enforce this Decree. The DDT Defendants shall not seek from the Court in this  
28 action any review or relief with respect to EPA's or DTSC's conduct with regard to the

1 Onshore Areas, including without limitation, EPA's or DTSC's investigations,  
2 determinations, decisions, or response actions. The foregoing sentence, however, shall  
3 not apply should the United States or the State seek, after the Date of Lodging of this  
4 Decree, additional relief not sought in this action before the Date of Lodging of this  
5 Decree, nor shall it prevent the DDT Defendants from pursuing review or relief in a  
6 separate action.

7 17. By lodging this Decree, the United States, State of California, and the DDT  
8 Defendants jointly request that the Court vacate, and by entry of this Decree as an order  
9 of the Court, the Court orders the vacatur of, the following orders: the portion of Civil  
10 Minute Order dated June 26, 2000 (entered July 5, 2000) relating to Motion # 2; Order  
11 Re: Sanctions Against State of California, dated August 1, 2000; June 5, 2000 Order  
12 Denying Plaintiffs Motion to Vacate Order to EPA, and September 19, 2000 Order  
13 Granting Defendants' Motion for Sanctions for Failure to Comply With Court Orders  
14 (entered September 20, 2000). Such vacatur shall become effective on the Date of Final  
15 Approval of this Decree. Such Orders shall have no precedential effect in any state or  
16 federal administrative or judicial proceeding. The DDT Defendants hereby waive and  
17 release any claim for fees and/or costs to which they could claim entitlement under any of  
18 the foregoing orders and agree that upon Final Approval of this Decree, these orders are  
19 a nullity for all purposes.

20 **PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENTS**

21 18. A. If the payments required of the DDT Defendants by Paragraphs 6, 7 and  
22 11 of this Decree are not made by the dates specified in those Paragraphs, the DDT  
23 Defendants shall be liable, in addition to the payments specified in Paragraphs 6, 7, and  
24 11, for the following amounts for each day of delay in payment:

<u>Days of Delay</u>	<u>Payment Per Day of Delay</u>
1-14	\$ 5000/day
15-60	\$ 7500/day
Beyond 60 Days	\$ 10,000/day

1 Payments due under this Paragraph shall be paid by certified or bank check or  
2 warrant and disbursed, 50% to the United States and 50% to the State (the latter to be held  
3 in trust for the state signatories hereto), to the addressees identified in Paragraph 27.  
4 Stipulated penalties due under this Paragraph 18 are due within thirty (30) days following  
5 receipt by the DDT Defendants of a written demand by the United States or the State for  
6 payment of such stipulated penalties, and shall be made in accordance with instructions  
7 provided by the United States or the State to the DDT Defendants subsequent to the Date  
8 of Lodging of this Decree, with notice to the United States or the State.

9 B. In addition to the remedy provided for in the preceding subparagraph, if the  
10 payments required of the DDT Defendants by Paragraphs 6, 7, and 11 of this Decree are  
11 not made by the dates specified in those Paragraphs, the DDT Defendants shall be liable,  
12 in addition to the payments specified in those Paragraphs, for interest on those amounts at  
13 the same rate paid by the Escrow established pursuant to Paragraph 6.

14 C. In addition to the remedy provided for in the preceding subparagraphs, if  
15 the payments required of the DDT Defendants by Paragraphs 6, 7, and 11, of this Decree  
16 or by this Paragraph, are not made, the DDT Defendants shall be liable, in addition to the  
17 payments specified in those Paragraphs, for any costs and attorneys fees incurred by  
18 Plaintiffs in enforcing the terms of this Decree.

19 19. Payments due under Paragraph 18 shall be in addition to any other remedies  
20 or sanctions that may be available to the United States and the State on account of the  
21 DDT Defendants' failure to comply with the terms of this Decree.

#### 22 **RETENTION OF RECORDS**

23 20. A. Until five years after the entry of this Decree, each DDT Defendant  
24 shall preserve and retain all records and documents now in their possession or control or  
25 which come into their possession or control, that relate to the identification, nature and  
26 quantity of hazardous substances at the Montrose DDT Plant, the nature and extent of  
27 alleged releases of hazardous substances from the Montrose DDT Plant, or the alleged  
28 release of any hazardous substance to or from the Offshore Areas. This obligation does

1 not apply to records or documents previously exchanged between the DDT Defendants  
2 and the United States or the State prior to the Date of Lodging of this Decree. At the  
3 conclusion of this document retention period, the DDT Defendants shall notify the United  
4 States and the State at least ninety (90) days prior to the destruction of any such records  
5 or documents, and upon request by the United States and the State, the DDT Defendants  
6 shall produce or make available for their inspection any non-privileged records or  
7 documents at a mutually convenient time and place agreed upon by the Parties.

8       B. In addition to the opportunity to obtain documents at the conclusion of the  
9 retention period set forth in Paragraph 20.A, the United States and the State may request,  
10 at any time during such retention period, that the DDT Defendants make available for  
11 their inspection, or at the DDT Defendants' option produce, any documents retained  
12 pursuant to Paragraphs 20.A. DDT Defendants shall produce or make available for  
13 inspection non-privileged documents at a mutually convenient time and place after the  
14 request is made.

15       C. With respect to the obligation to retain records and to produce or make  
16 them available for inspection as set forth in Paragraph 20.A and B, the DDT Defendants  
17 may assert that certain documents, records and other information are privileged under the  
18 attorney client privilege, or any other privilege recognized under state or federal law. If  
19 Plaintiffs request any privileged documents – either (1) at the time the DDT Defendants  
20 provide notice of intent to destroy documents at the conclusion of the retention periods  
21 from Paragraph 20.A, or (2) pursuant to Plaintiffs' request under Paragraph 20.B – the  
22 DDT Defendants shall provide the United States and the State with the following  
23 information relating to any documents that are requested and withheld as privileged: (1)  
24 title of document or record; (2) date of document or record; (3) name and position of the  
25 author of the document or record; (4) description of the subject of the document or  
26 record; and (5) the specific basis for the privilege asserted. The privilege log relating to  
27 the subject documents must be produced to the Plaintiffs at a mutually convenient time  
28 and place after Plaintiffs request the documents that are withheld. DDT Defendants shall



1 retain the documents that are withheld as privileged, until any privilege disputes relating  
2 to those documents are resolved. If Plaintiffs do not request any particular privileged  
3 documents, the DDT Defendants need not produce a privilege log for such non-requested  
4 documents.

5 E. This Paragraph in no way effects or limits any obligation of the DDT  
6 Defendants to retain records under any other administrative or judicial order or  
7 agreement, whether such order or agreement is currently extant or created in the future.  
8 Further, this Paragraph in no way effects or limits any obligation of the DDT Defendants  
9 to retain records under any other judicial, statutory, or common law doctrine that would  
10 otherwise require retention of records.

11 **VOIDABILITY**

12 21. In the event that a final judicial determination is made by the District Court  
13 or, upon appellate review, by a higher court, that the entry of this Decree in its entirety  
14 shall not be approved, this Decree and the settlement embodied herein is voidable at the  
15 discretion of any party and the terms hereof may not be used as evidence in any litigation  
16 or other proceeding.

17 **COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS**

18 22. This Decree shall not be construed in any way to affect any past, current or  
19 future obligation of the DDT Defendants or any other person or entity to comply with any  
20 federal, state or local law.

21 **RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

22 23. After the Court renders judgment on the issues described in Paragraph 16,  
23 the Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for the purpose of entering such further  
24 order, direction or relief as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction,  
25 implementation or enforcement of this Decree or other consent decrees.

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**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

24. Each of the undersigned representatives of the Released Parties certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Decree and to legally execute and bind that party to this Decree.

**MODIFICATION**

25. The terms of this Decree may be modified only by a subsequent written agreement signed by all of the Parties signatory hereto, and approved by the Court as a modification to this Decree.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

26. The Parties acknowledge that this Decree will be subject to a public comment period of not less than 30 days in accordance with 28 C.F.R. § 50.7. The Parties further acknowledge that this Decree may be the subject of a public meeting as specified in Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973. The United States and the State reserve the right to withdraw their consent to this Decree if comments received disclose facts or considerations which show that this Decree is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. DDT Defendants consent to the entry of this Decree by the Court without further notice.

**PROTECTION AGAINST CLAIMS**

27. The United States and the State acknowledge and agree that the payments to be made by the DDT Defendants pursuant to this Decree represent a good faith settlement and compromise of disputed claims and that the settlement represents a fair, reasonable and equitable discharge for the matters addressed in this Decree. With regard to any costs, damages, actions or other claims against the Released Parties for matters addressed in this Decree, the Released Parties are entitled to, as of the Date of Entry of this Decree, such protection as is provided in Section 113(f) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9613(f), and all other provisions of federal or state statutes or of common law which limit or extinguish their liability to persons not party to this Decree. The "matters addressed" in this Decree are all claims against the Released Parties including claims for costs, damages, contribution and other claims for: (1) Natural Resource Damages, (2) Response Costs, and

1 (3) DOJ Costs. No contribution protection is provided pursuant to this Decree for any  
2 claim for response costs under CERCLA incurred in connection with the presence, release  
3 or threatened release of a hazardous substance outside the Offshore Areas, as defined  
4 herein. Any rights the Released Parties may have to obtain contribution or otherwise  
5 recover costs or damages from persons not party to this Decree are preserved, except as  
6 provided in Paragraph 15.F.

7 28. The Trustees have determined that the payment to be made pursuant to  
8 Paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Decree is an appropriate action necessary to protect and restore  
9 the natural resources damaged by the release of DDT, PCBs and other hazardous  
10 substances alleged in the First Claim for Relief of the complaints and that the payment  
11 satisfies the requirements of Section 122(j)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(j)(2).

12 **NOTICE**

13 29. Any notice required hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered by  
14 hand, facsimile or overnight mail as follows:

15 Notice to the United States and the State:

16 As to the United States:  
17 Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section  
18 Environment and Natural Resources Division  
19 DOI Case #90-11-3-511  
20 U.S. Department of Justice  
21 P.O. Box 7611  
22 Washington, D.C. 20044-7611

23 As to EPA:  
24 John Lyons  
25 Assistant Regional Counsel  
26 U.S. EPA Region 9  
27 Mailcode ORC3  
28 75 Hawthorne St.  
San Francisco, CA 94105

As to DTSC:  
Barbara Coler  
Division Chief, Statewide Cleanup Operations Div.  
California Department of Toxic Substances Control  
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200  
Berkeley, CA 94710-2721

1 As to State of California:  
 Supervising Deputy Attorney General  
 2 Land Law Section  
 Office of the Attorney General  
 3 300 South Spring Street  
 Los Angeles, CA 90013  
 4 Facsimile No. (213) 897-2801

5 As to DDT Defendants:  
 President  
 6 Montrose Chemical Corporation of California  
 600 Ericksen Avenue, Suite 380,  
 7 Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

8 David Mulliken  
 Latham & Watkins  
 9 701 B Street, Suite 2100  
 San Diego, CA 92101

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 General Counsel  
 11 Chris-Craft Industries, Inc.  
 767 Fifth Avenue, 46th Floor  
 12 New York, N.Y. 10153

13 Peter Simshauser  
 Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP  
 14 300 South Grand Avenue  
 Los Angeles, CA 90071

15 Joseph C. Kelly  
 16 Vice President and General Counsel  
 Stauffer Management Company  
 17 1800 Concord Pike  
 P.O. Box 15438  
 18 Wilmington, DE 19850-5438

19 Paul B. Galvani  
 Ropes & Gray  
 20 One International Place  
 Boston, MA 02110.

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22 Each party to this Decree may change the person(s) it has designated to receive  
 23 notice for that party, or the addresses for such notice, by filing a written notice of such  
 24 change with the Court and serving said notice on each of the other Parties to this Decree.

25 30. This Decree may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each  
 26 executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument.

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**ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

31. This Decree constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to its subject matter. The fact that any party suggested language different from, or additional to, any language ultimately adopted in this Decree shall not be taken into account in interpreting this Decree.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

32. This Decree shall be effective upon the date which this Decree has been entered by the United States District Court.

33. By signature below, all Parties consent to this Decree.


**JUDGMENT**

THE FOREGOING Consent Decree among Plaintiffs United States and State of California, and the DDT Defendants is hereby APPROVED and ORDERED.

There being no just reason for delay, this Court expressly directs, pursuant to Rule 54(b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, ENTRY OF FINAL JUDGMENT in accordance with the terms of this Decree; each party hereto shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees except as specifically provided herein.

IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED: *March 14, 2001*

  
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THE HONORABLE MANUEL REAL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

1 FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

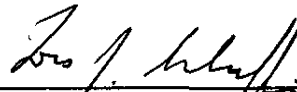
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4 subject to the public notice and comment requirements of 28 C.F.R. § 50.7.

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Dated: Dec. 18, 2000



LOIS SCHIFFER  
Assistant Attorney General  
Environment & Natural Resources Division  
United States Department of Justice

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Dated: 12/7/, 2000



STEVEN O'ROURKE  
ANN HURLEY  
MICHAEL McNULTY  
ADAM KUSHNER  
ROBERT KLOTZ  
Environmental Enforcement Section  
Environment & Natural Resources Division  
United States Department of Justice  
Attorneys for the United States

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1 FOR EPA:

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4 Dated: Dec. 14, 2000



KEITH TAKATA  
Director of the Superfund Division  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

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10 Dated: 12/14, 2000



KATHLEEN JOHNSON  
JOHN J. LYONS  
MICHELE BENSON  
Office of the Regional Counsel  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9  
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San Francisco, CA 94105

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1 FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME:

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ROBERT C. HIGHT  
Director of California Department of Fish and  
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1 FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL:

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EDWIN F. LOWRY


Director of California Department of Toxic  
Substances Control (and on behalf of the  
California Hazardous Substance Account, the  
California Hazardous Substance Cleanup Fund,  
and the California Toxic Substances Control  
Account)

1 FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION:

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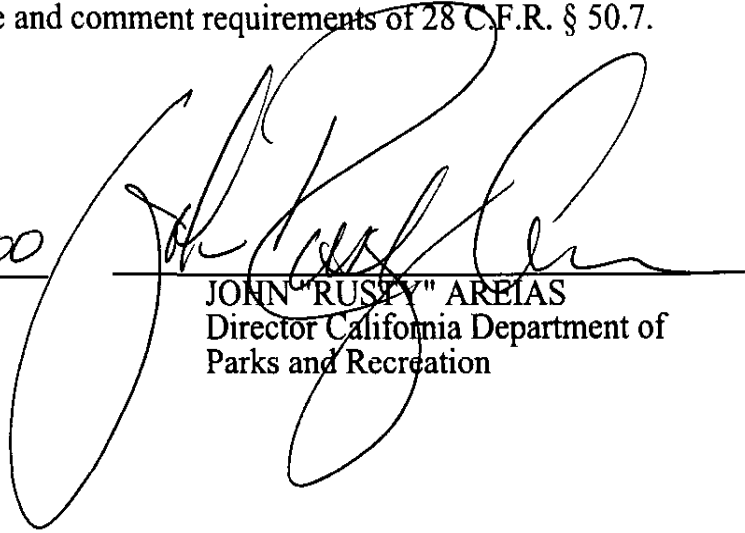
  
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PAUL D. THAYER  
Executive Officer of the State Lands  
Commission

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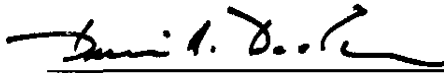
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JOHN "RUSTY" AREIAS  
Director California Department of  
Parks and Recreation

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2 LOS ANGELES REGION:

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DENNIS A. DICKERSON  
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Los Angeles Region, Regional Water Quality  
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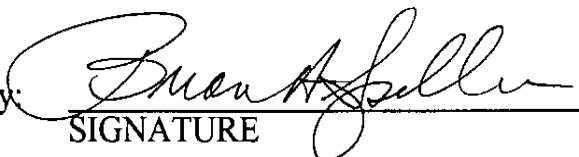
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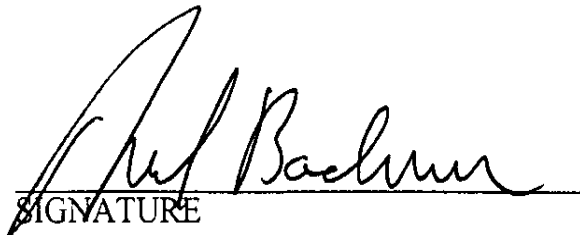
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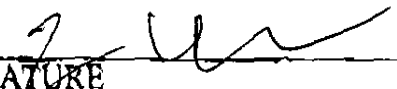
  
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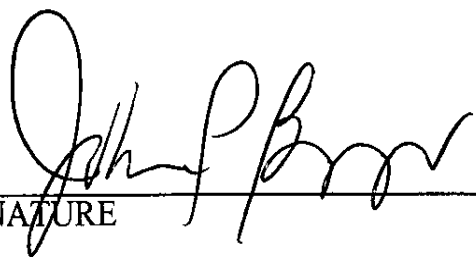
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