

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	Case No. 1 : 03CV02486
<i>Plaintiff,</i>	)	
	)	
v.	)	JUDGE: Gladys Kessler
	)	
DNH INTERNATIONAL SARL,	)	DECK TYPE: ANTITRUST
DYNO NOBEL, INC.,	)	
EL PASO CORPORATION, and	)	DATE STAMP: 12/02/2003
COASTAL CHEM, INC.,	)	
	)	
<i>Defendants.</i>	)	

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**UNITED STATES' 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. The Final 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' compliance with the APPA.

2. 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 sixty (60) days prior to entry of the proposed Final Judgment. The notice will inform members of the public that they may submit comments about the proposed Final Judgment to the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division. *See* 15 U.S.C. §§ 16(b)-(c).

