



## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act

Notice is hereby given that on April 6, 2012, a proposed Consent Decree in United States v. Wilmette Real Estate & Management Co., LLC, et al., Civil Action No. 12-cv-2534 was lodged with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

The consent decree settles claims against the owners and managers of 463 housing units in 14 separate properties located in or near Chicago, Illinois. The claims were brought on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency (“U.S. EPA”) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) under the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4851 et seq. (“Lead Hazard Reduction Act”). The United States alleged in the complaint that the Defendants failed to make one or more of the disclosures or to complete one or more of the disclosure activities required by the Lead Hazard Reduction Act.

Under the Consent Decree, the Defendants will certify that they are complying with residential lead paint notification requirements. The Defendants will submit a plan for window replacement or lead paint abatement work and will replace or abate all windows known to or believed to contain lead-based paint in the 14 residential properties owned or managed by Defendants that are not certified lead-based paint free. In addition, Defendants will abate lead-based paint hazards on friction and impact surfaces on exterior porches in ten of the residential properties, and pay an administrative penalty of \$125,000.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be

addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and either emailed to [pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov](mailto:pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611 P.O. Box 7611, and should refer to United States v. Wilmette Real Estate & Management Co., LLC, et al., D.J. Ref. # 90-5-2-1-09045.

The Proposed Consent Decree may be examined on the following Department of Justice website, [http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent\\_Decrees.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html). A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to “Consent Decree Copy” ([EESCDCopy.ENRD@usdoj.gov](mailto:EESCDCopy.ENRD@usdoj.gov)), fax no. (202) 514-0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514-5271. In requesting a copy from the Consent Decree Library, please enclose a check in the amount of \$11.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury or, if by email or fax, forward a check in that amount to the Consent Decree Library at the stated address.

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