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EPA proposes Penalty Against Vierstra Dairy for Clean Water Act Violations

Name of Case: Vierstra Dairy

Description of Violation and Relief Sought:

Pursuant to Section 309 (g) under the Clean Water Act ("Act"), the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 ("EPA") is providing public notice of the proposed penalty described below. In order to provide opportunity for public comment, EPA will not take final action in this proceeding prior to 40 days after publication of this notice.

EPA has commenced an administrative penalty action against Vierstra Dairy ("Respondent") for violations of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"). EPA alleges that the Respondent is in violation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination

Public Notice Information

Date of Notice: May 18, 2010

Comment Period Ends: June 17, 2010

Case Name: Vierstra Dairy

Complaint Docket Number: CWA-10-2010-0018 (originally filed under CWA-10-2009-0268)

How to Submit Comments: In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.45, anyone wishing to comment on or participate in this proceeding must notify the Regional Hearing Clerk within 30 days of this notice. Please provide your name, complete mailing address, and any comments you have on this action.

System ("NPDES") The violation included four days of discharge which is a violation of Section 301 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a). Pursuant to Section 309(g)(2)(B) of the Act, and 40 C.F.R. Part 19. EPA proposes to assess a penalty of \$30,000.

Persons wishing to comment on EPA's proposed action or to become participants in this action may do so by submitting their address and telephone number, along with written comments, to the Regional Hearing Clerk at the address above within 30 days of the date of this notice. This is a Class II administrative penalty proceeding, governed by Section 309(g) (2)(B) of the CWA and the procedural rules found at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. The requirements that apply to public comment and participation are set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 22.45.

Docket Number of the Complaint: CWA-10-2010-0018 (originally filed under CWA-10-2009-0268)

Name and address of Complainant:

Edward J. Kowalski Director Office of Compliance and Enforcement U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (OCE-164) 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, Washington 98101

Name and address of Respondent:

Vierstra Dairy 2588 East 3500 North Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

Name, address, and telephone number of Regional Hearing Clerk:

Carol Kennedy, Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (ORC-158) 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900 Seattle, Washington 98101 (206) 553-0242

Location of Facility: Twin Falls, Idaho

Applicable Permit No.: N/A

Business/activity of Respondents: Dairy

Comments Accepted: In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.45, any person wishing to comment on or participate in this proceeding must notify the Regional Hearing Clerk within 30 days of this notice. The person must provide a name, complete mailing address, and any comments the person has on this action.

A copy of the administrative complaint is available for review and copying between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at EPA's Seattle Office (see address listed above). For any additional information on this action, please contact <u>Steven Potokar</u> at (206) 553-6354.