**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8**

**1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED COMBINED COMPLAINT AND CONSENT AGREEMENT AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

**Action**: The EPA is providing notice of the opportunity to comment on a proposed Combined Complaint and Consent Agreement (CCCA). The CCCA settles allegations that Veit and Company, Inc. (Veit) violated the Clean Water Act (CWA) by discharging storm water without a CWA permit during a remodeling project at the Longfellow Elementary School, 215 2nd Street, Minot, North Dakota. The addresses of the EPA and Veit are listed below.

Veit: Veit and Company, Inc., 14000 Veit Place, Rogers, Minnesota, 55374. Veit is identified in the CCCA as the Respondent.

EPA: Assistant Regional Administrator, Office of Enforcement, Compliance & Environmental Justice, EPA Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado, 80202-1129.

**Summary:** TheEPA is authorized by section 309(g) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), to issue an order assessing a civil administrative penalty for violations of certain CWA requirements, after providing (1) an opportunity for the person to be assessed the penalty to request a hearing to contest the penalty, and (2) notification to the public of its rights to submit written comments and to participate in any hearing.

The EPA and Veit have agreed to enter into a CCCA to resolve the EPA’s allegations that Veit discharged storm water into waters of the United States on at least 13 separate days without authorization by any CWA permit from June of 2012 until August 12, 2013. Veit has agreed to pay a civil penalty of $15,000 to resolve its civil penalty liability for this claim. Pursuant to section 309(g)(4) of the CWA, the EPA hereby notifies the public of the opportunity to comment on this proposed penalty assessment.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Written comments on the CCCA are encouraged and will be accepted at the address listed below for a period of forty (40) days after the publication of this notice. Any person submitting written comments has a right to participate in a hearing, if one is held. The CCCA will be available for review at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/oa/rhc/epaadmin.nsf> and between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days at the address listed below.

Please submit written comments to:

 Melissa Haniewicz (8RC)

 Regional Hearing Clerk

 U.S. EPA, Region 8

 1595 Wynkoop Street

 Denver, CO 80202-1129

Telephone: (303) 312-7059

Please also reference the EPA Docket Number for this matter:

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**: Persons wishing to receive a copy of the CCCA, to comment upon the proposed penalty assessment or upon any other aspect of this matter, or to obtain any other information on this proceeding should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above.