



Public Notice: Proposed Settlement with Washington Beef LLC for Clean Water Act Violations in Washington

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Summary

EPA is providing notice of a proposed administrative penalty settlement with Washington Beef, LLC, for violations of the Clean Water Act at its beef processing facility located in **Toppenish, Washington**.

EPA alleges that the respondent failed to comply with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The permit authorizes discharges of pollutants into **Spencer Lateral and Wanity Slough**.

This action is being simultaneously commenced and concluded in a legal document called a *Consent Agreement and Final Order*. Under the proposed agreement, Washington Beef will pay a **civil penalty of \$282,895**.

How to Comment

Comments Due:

September 3, 2026

Please send all written comments by email to the Regional Hearing Clerk (R10_RHC@epa.gov) within 30 days of the date of this notice.

Comments should reference docket number **CWA-10-2026-0222**. Be sure to include your name and address if you would like a response.

Respondent

Washington Beef, LLC
201 Elmwood Road
Toppenish, Washington 98948

Legal authority

This is a Class II administrative penalty proceeding governed by Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)], and the procedural rules found at 40 CFR Part 22 <<https://epa.gov/enforcement/consolidated-rules-practice-40-cfr-part-22-administrative-assessment-civil-penalties-1>>. The requirements that apply to public comment and participation are set forth in Clean Water Act Section 309(g)(4) and 40 CFR § 22.45.

If you are unable to submit written comments by email, please call Salee Porter, Regional Hearing Clerk, at 206-553-0531.

For more information, contact Steven Potokar (potokar.steven@epa.gov), 206-553-6354, EPA Compliance Officer.

Related documents

-  Draft Consent Agreement with Washington Beef, LLC (pdf)
<<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2026-08/cwa-10-2026-0222-washington-beef.pdf>> (401.06 KB, August 2026)
EPA enforcement docket number CWA-10-2026-0222

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