

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Director Ed Hampston, Director
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Division of Water
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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Re: Notice of Proposed Assessment of a Civil Penalty

In the Matter of: Kiryas Joel Poultry Processing Plant

Docket No. CWA-02-2023-3305

Dear Director:

Enclosed is a copy of the Administrative Complaint and Notice of Proposed Assessment of a Civil Penalty, and an offer of settlement which the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") issued to Kiryas Joel Poultry Processing Plant ("Respondent"), pursuant to Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act ("Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g). The EPA is issuing this Complaint to administratively assess a Class I Civil Penalty of \$29,000 against Kiryas Joel Poultry Processing Plant for violations of the Act. The EPA is offering an opportunity for you to confer with us regarding the proposed assessment because the violations have occurred in New York.

Given the nature of the violations, the number of violators and the need for prompt resolution of this matter, an offer of settlement for reduced penalty was offered to Respondent. This offer is contingent upon receipt of no adverse public comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

For Dore LaPosta, Director Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Enclosures:

- Administrative Complaint
- Proposed Consent Agreement and Final Order

cc: Karen Maples, Regional Hearing Clerk