



# Parsons, Kansas - Clean Water Act Public Notice

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In accordance with Section 309(g)(4)(A) of the Clean Water Act (“CWA”), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(A), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (“Consolidated Rules”), the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) is providing notice of a proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment against the city of Parsons, Kansas (“Respondent”) for alleged violations at the wastewater treatment plant located at 1636 22000 Road, Parsons, Kansas 67357.

Under Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), the EPA is authorized to issue orders assessing civil penalties for various violations of the Clean Water Act. The EPA may issue such orders after filing a Complaint commencing either a Class I or Class II penalty proceeding. The EPA provides notice of the proposed assessment of a Class II civil penalty pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(A). Class II proceedings are conducted under the EPA’s Consolidated Rules, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

In this case, the EPA alleges that Respondent violated the requirements of its NPDES permit (Permit number KS-0097560) and discharged untreated and partially treated sewage into the waters of the United States, in violation of the terms and conditions of a NPDES permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the CWA and Section 301 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1342 and 1311. The EPA alleges that Respondent violated the effluent limits and monitoring requirements set forth in its NPDES permit and discharged at least 90 million gallons of untreated and partially treated sewage into waters of the U.S. Respondent has reached agreement with the EPA on the terms of a proposed Consent Agreement/Final Order which would resolve this matter. Under the proposed Consent Agreement/Final Order, Respondent will pay a civil penalty of \$20,000. Final approval of the proposed Consent Agreement/Final Order is subject to the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 22.45.

The EPA will receive written comments on the proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. All such comments shall be submitted to the Regional Hearing Clerk at the address provided below. The procedures by which the public may submit written comments on a proposed Class II order or participate in a Class II proceeding, and the procedures by which a respondent may request a hearing, are set forth in the Consolidated Rules. Persons wishing to obtain additional information on the proceeding, receive a copy of the EPA’s Consolidated Rules, review the proposed Consent Agreement/Final Order, comment upon the proposed penalty assessment, or otherwise participate in the proceeding should contact Kathy Robinson, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7, 11201 Renner Blvd, Lenexa, KS 66219. Please reference Docket No. CWA-07-2017-0100. For technical questions, contact Wayne Dillard, Water Enforcement Branch, at [dillard.wayne@epa.gov](mailto:dillard.wayne@epa.gov), at the above mailing address or at 913-551-7885. Persons with legal questions may contact Katherine Reitz, Office of Regional Counsel, at [reitz.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:reitz.katherine@epa.gov), at the above mailing address or at 913-551-7745. In order to provide opportunity for public comment, the EPA will issue no final order assessing a penalty in this proceeding prior to forty (40) days from the date of this notice.

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3/20/17 Date	/s/ Jeffery Robichaud Acting Director Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division U.S. EPA, Region 7

### How to Comment

#### Comments due date

04/22/2017

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### Summary

The EPA is providing notice of a proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment against the city of Parsons, KS, for alleged violations at the wastewater treatment plant located at 1636 22000 Road, Parsons, KS 67357.

**Program/Statute:** Clean Water Act (CWA)

#### Applicant/Respondent(s):

City of Parsons, Kansas  
Parsons, Kansas

**Proposed action:** Public Notice of Clean Water Act Administrative Penalty Settlement

**Docket ID:** CWA-07-2017-0100

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- [City of Parsons, Kansas proposed Consent Agreement Final Order \(PDF\)](#) (13 pp, 1 MB)

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