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REGION I

Date of Notice: September 5, 2012

Public Notice Number: PN2012-0019

Comment Period: September 6, 2012 – October 5, 2012

Action: Notice of Proposed Assessment of Class II Clean Water Act Section 309(g)(2)(B) Administrative Penalties and Opportunity to Comment

Under Sections 309(g) and 311(b)(6) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1319(g) and 1321(b)(6), EPA is authorized to assess a civil penalty after providing the person subject to the penalty notice of the proposed penalty and the opportunity for a hearing, and after providing interested persons public notice of the proposed penalty and a reasonable opportunity to comment on its issuance. In Class II proceedings under Sections 309(g)(2)(B) and 311(b)(6)(B)(ii), any person who violates certain provisions of the Clean Water Act may be administratively assessed a civil penalty of up to sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) per day per violation for each day during which the violation continued, up to a maximum of one hundred seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$177,500). Proceedings are conducted in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits," found at 40 C.F.R. Part 22 ("Part 22").

The procedures by which the public may submit written comments on a proposed penalty order or participate in a penalty proceeding are set forth in Part 22. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed penalty order is thirty (30) days after issuance of public notice.

Pursuant to Sections 309(g) and 311(b)(6), EPA is providing public notice of the following proposed administrative penalty assessment:

In the Matter of Red Shield Acquisition LLC (dba Old Town Fuel & Fiber)

Name and Mailing Address of Respondent:

Red Shield Acquisition LLC (dba Old Town Fuel & Fiber)
P.O. Box 564
Old Town, ME 04468

Name and Address of Facility or Site Addressed by Complaint:

Red Shield Acquisition LLC (dba Old Town Fuel & Fiber)
24 Portland Street
Old Town, ME 04468

Description of Business or Activity Conducted by the Respondent:

Pulp manufacturing; biomass boiler production of steam and electricity; and biorefinery research and development.

Description of Violations Alleged in Complaint: Unauthorized discharge of process wastewater; failure to comply with the terms and conditions of a Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("MEPDES") permit; failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Multi-Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity ("MEMSGP"); and failure to maintain and fully implement a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure ("SPCC") Plan in accordance with the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 112.

Proposed Penalty: Penalties of up to \$16,000 per violation for each day during which the violations continued, up to a maximum of \$177,500 for all counts in the Complaint.

Name of Case: In the matter of Red Shield Acquisition LLC (dba Old Town Fuel & Fiber)

Docket Number: CWA-01-2012-0075

Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk: August 31, 2012

Name, Mailing Address, and Telephone Number of Regional Hearing Clerk: Wanda Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Mail Code ORA18-1, Boston, MA 02109-3912; (617) 918-1113.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of Part 22, review the complaint or other documents filed by the parties in this proceeding, comment upon the proposed penalty assessment, or participate in any hearing that may be held, should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above. Unless otherwise noted, the public record for the proceeding is located in the EPA Regional Office at 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts, and the file will be open for public inspection during normal business hours.

In order to provide opportunity for public comment, EPA will not take final action in this proceeding prior to thirty (30) days after issuance of this notice.