

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2 290 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10007-1866

May 11, 2023 <u>CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u> <u>And VIA E-MAIL TO:</u> edward.hampston@dec.ny.gov

Edward Hampston, Director Bureau of Water Compliance Programs Division of Water New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 625 Broadway Albany, New York 12233-3506

Re: Notice of Proposed Assessment of a Civil Penalty In The Matter of: Southco, Inc. Docket No. CWA-02-2023-3310

Dear Mr. Hampton:

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 Southco, Inc. ("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 \$10,000 against Southco, Inc. 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 violation, the number of violators and the benefits to bringing this matter to an expediated resolution, an offer of settlement for reduced penalty was offered to Respondent. This offer is contingent upon, among other things, receipt of no adverse public comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

For Dore LaPosta, Director Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Enclosures

cc: K. Maples, Regional Hearing Clerk

May 11, 2023 @ 5:00 pm USEPA – Region II Regional Hearing Clerk