

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Riverside Development, Inc. and CMK, LTD.  
2001 Crocker Road, #420  
Westlake, Ohio 44028

Case Docket No. CWA-05-2024-0002

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5, is providing this notice of its intent to file a Proposed Consent Agreement and Proposed Final Order (Proposed CAFO) against Riverside Development, Inc. and CMK, LTD. (Respondents) for violations of Section 301 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). This Proposed CAFO will settle alleged violations at a site located within Columbia Township in Lorain County, Ohio. The Respondents discharged dredged and fill material into tributaries and wetlands abutting tributaries to Baker Creek without a CWA permit.

EPA alleges that from October of 2015 until May 2016, the Respondents used bulldozers, track hoes, and other mechanized land-moving equipment to discharge dredged or fill material into approximately 13.016 acres of wetlands and 844 linear feet of two tributaries to Baker Creek on the site.

The alleged violations are of environmental significance because the wetlands and streams reduced siltation and sedimentation into Baker Creek, provided habitat for wildlife, improved surface water filtration of pollutants, and provided flood attenuation functions to the watershed and downstream waters.

EPA and Respondent have agreed in principle that the Respondent will pay a civil penalty of \$50,000 to resolve these violations.

A copy of the CAFO may be viewed online at: [www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-5#events](http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-5#events) by clicking on the “Proposed Consent Agreement and Final Order” link on the Region 5 events calendar for the docket number identified above. Alternatively, the Proposed CAFO may be received by contacting the Regional Hearing Clerk at the email address below.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT:**

Section 309(g) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), requires that interested persons be given notice of the proposed penalty order and a reasonable opportunity to comment on such order. Any person who wishes to comment on this proposed CAFO may submit written comments, may attend or present evidence at any hearing scheduled on this matter, or both, by following the

procedures in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 22, Section 45 (40 C.F.R. § 22.45), particularly subpart (c) *comment by a person who is not a party*. This portion of the code of federal regulations may be accessed at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2015-title40-vol1/pdf/CFR-2015-title40-vol1-sec22-45.pdf> or through <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/>. You may also wish to review 40 C.F.R. Part 22 to learn more about the procedures and rules of practice governing the administrative assessment of civil penalties.

We request that all written comments be sent via email to the Regional Hearing Clerk at [r5hearingclerk@epa.gov](mailto:r5hearingclerk@epa.gov). If you are unable to submit written comments by email, please contact the Regional Hearing Clerk at 312-886-9868.

Your comments should include the case name, docket number, and your complete mailing address. Comments and documents sent to any EPA employee other than the Regional Hearing Clerk are not assured of consideration in this matter. Note that the Agency requires your mailing address because we must use the U.S. Postal Service should we need to reply, request additional information, or notify you of a hearing, and to provide a copy of any consent agreement and proposed final order.

**All written comments must be received in the Regional Hearing Clerk's office no later than 4:30 p.m., Central Time, of the Comment Period End Date shown on the Region 5 events calendar page for this docket number: [www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-5#events](http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-5#events).** All documents filed in this proceeding (including documents submitted by the Respondent or by the public) are available electronically on the EPA website: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/oa/rhc/epaadmin.nsf>.

If this CAFO is filed in its present form, no hearing will be held in this matter. If a hearing is held, we will advise members of the public who (during the public comment period) submitted a written request to participate in a hearing of the date, time, and place of the hearing, which they may attend and present evidence on the appropriateness of the proposed penalty assessment by following the instructions in 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(c)(1).

Only persons who, during the comment period submit written comments or ask to participate in any hearing held in this matter, preserve a right to petition the Regional Administrator to set aside any consent agreement and proposed final order on the basis that material evidence was not considered, as described in 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(c)(4).

In order to provide opportunity for public comment, EPA will not issue a final order assessing a penalty in this proceeding prior to forty (40) calendar days from the date of this notice.