

PUBLIC NOTICE

United Transportation Group
1150 East 145th Street
East Chicago, Indiana 46312
Case Docket No. CWA-05-2017-0001



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 is providing this notice of its intent to file a Consent Agreement and Proposed Final Order (Proposed CAFO) against United Transportation Group (Respondent) for violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA). This Proposed CAFO will settle EPA's allegations that the Respondent violated the General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution found at 40 C.F.R. Part 403 and the Pretreatment Standards for Existing Sources, Transportation Equipment Cleaning Point Source Category, Subparts A and B found at 40 C.F.R. Part 442. Respondent owns and operates a transportation equipment cleaner and transloading facility that discharges all process wastewater to the City of East Chicago's sanitary sewer in East Chicago, Indiana. In the Proposed CAFO, EPA alleges that Respondent caused or contributed to pass through and interference at the East Chicago treatment plant on numerous occasions, failed to meet effluent limits, failed to analyze wastewater for all required effluent parameters, and intentionally diverted waste streams around significant portions of the wastewater pretreatment process. EPA and Respondent have agreed that Respondent will pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 to resolve these violations.

A copy of the Proposed CAFO may be viewed on-line at: <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, you may contact the Regional Hearing Clerk at the address listed below to request a copy of the Proposed CAFO.

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 and a reasonable opportunity to comment on it. 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.

Comments should be made in writing to the Regional Hearing Clerk at:

Docket No. CWA-05-2017-0001
Regional Hearing Clerk
Mail Code E-19J
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Written comments may be submitted to the Regional Hearing Clerk my email to whitehead.ladawn@epa.gov; by facsimile (fax) to (312) 692-2405; or by mail or delivery to the Clerk's address above. Your comments should include the case name, docket number, and your complete mailing address. If you plan to use a messenger service to deliver your comments or other documents, please call the Regional Hearing Clerk at (312) 886-3713 for further instructions. 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 to respond should we need to reply, request additional information, 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: <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 for public inspection by appointment only between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the EPA Regional Office. An appointment for such an inspection may be made by calling (312) 886-3713 or by writing the Regional Hearing Clerk at the address above.

If this Proposed CAFO is filed in its present form, no hearing will be held in this matter. If a hearing is held, we will advise 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 order on the basis that material evidence was not considered, as described in 40 C.F.R. 22.45(c)(4).