

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF COMBINED COMPLAINT AND CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

EPA REGION VIII
HEARING CLERK

Action: The United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) is providing notice to the public of the opportunity for any member of the public to comment on a combined complaint and consent agreement (CCCA) entered into between the EPA and Central Trenching, Inc. (Central Trenching), settling violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA) by Central Trenching. The address of Central Trenching is 5200 7th Avenue SW, Minot, North Dakota 58701.

Summary: The EPA is authorized by section 309(g)(2) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2), to issue an order assessing a civil administrative penalty for violations of certain CWA requirements, after providing (1) an opportunity for the person to be assessed the penalty (the respondent) to request a hearing to contest the penalty, and (2) notification to the public of the right of the public to submit written comments and to participate in any hearing.

The deadline for the public to submit comments for the CCCA is thirty (30) days after first issuance of this notice. Please see the following EPA Region 8 website for the date the public comment period on this CCCA begins:
<http://www.epa.gov/region8/compliance/publicnotice/>.

The EPA Docket Number for Combined Complaint and Consent Agreement is CWA-08-2014-0021.

In the CCCA, the EPA alleges that Central Trenching discharged pollutants into Gassman Creek, near Minot, North Dakota, without a CWA permit, in violation of section 301 of the CWA. The pollutants consisted of water and soil slurry generated from Central Trenching's directional drilling process.

Under the CCCA, Central Trenching has agreed to pay a penalty of \$4,000.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written comments on the CCCA are encouraged and will be accepted at the address listed below for a period of thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice. Written comments submitted by the public as well as any information submitted by Central Trenching will be available for public review, subject to the provisions of law restricting the disclosure of confidential information. The CCCA is available for review between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the address listed below and on the internet at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/oa/rhc/epaadmin.nsf> by searching for the name "Central Trenching" or by Docket Number provided above.

Please submit written comments to:

Tina Artemis (8RC)
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of the CCCA or other documents in, or relating to, this proceeding (such as the regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 22, which set out the administrative hearing process), or to comment upon the agreed-upon penalty assessment or upon any other aspect of this matter, should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above.