

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8
1595 Wynkoop Street; Denver, CO 80202-1129**

PUBLIC NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON CLEAN WATER ACT SETTLEMENT

Action: The EPA is providing notice of a Consent Agreement and the opportunity for public comment on the proposed administrative penalty assessment against Marathon Oil Company for a violation of the Clean Water Act (Act).

Summary: The EPA is authorized in Class II proceedings under Section 311(b)(6) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6), to issue orders assessing civil penalties for violations of the Act and its implementing regulations, after providing the person subject to the penalty notice and opportunity for a hearing, and after providing the public with notice of the proposed penalty, and the opportunity to submit written comments and to participate in any hearing. The deadline for submitting public comment is thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this notice.

On May 8, 2019, the EPA filed a Consent Agreement pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Act. Pursuant to Section 311(b)(6)(C) of the Act, and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45, the EPA hereby notifies the public of this proposed penalty assessment:

In the matter of: Marathon Oil Company

EPA Docket Number: CWA-08-2019-0002

Proposed Penalty in the Consent Agreement: \$ 99,000.00

Alleged violations: On or about March 10, 2015, Marathon Oil Company reported a release of approximately 446 barrels of crude oil and produced water from the Circle Ridge Shoshone 66-25 wellhead, which impacted Coal Draw, a tributary of the Wind River, in violation of section 311(b)(3) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3).

Written comments on the Consent Agreement are encouraged and will be accepted at the address listed below for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after the publication of this notice. Written comments submitted by the public, as well as information submitted by Marathon Oil Company, will be available for public review, subject to the provisions of law restricting the disclosure of confidential information. Any person submitting written comments has a right to participate in a hearing, if one is held. The Consent Agreement 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>.

Submit written comments to: Melissa Haniewicz
Regional Hearing Clerk (8RC);
EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1129
Telephone: (303) 312-7059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of the Consent Agreement, or other documents in this proceeding (such as the regulations in 40 C.F.R. part 22, which establish procedures for hearings), or to comment upon the proposed penalty assessment, or any other aspect of the matter, should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above. No action will be taken by EPA to finalize a settlement in this matter until thirty (30) calendar days after this public notice.