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Good morning, Lorena.

Further to Docket Number CWA-06-2024-1768,

## **Public Notice: Proposed Administrative Penalty Order against Space Explorations Technologies Corp. (SpaceX) for Clean Water Act violation.**

I oppose any sanction, penalty, or fine, or assessment against SpaceX for any of the alleged violations.

The EPA could better spend its time making the residents of East Palestine, OH, whole following the devastating train chemical fire which caused illness, unemployment, and loss of property values, instead of seeking to damage a company that is clearly outperforming its competitors and NASA. It could also better spend its time addressing the U.S. Air Force's poisoning of well water in South Carolina with forever chemicals from its firefighting foam.

Facts: SpaceX rented a NASA launch facility and launched with USG approval, every time. It is the facility's / USG's problem to file for permits. The water deluge system is part of the NASA facility, and its use is required for launches.

How many times has the EPA cited NASA for use of this same required deluge system?

Given the EPA acknowledges no environmental damage occurred, this appears to be politically motivated - likely due to Mr. Elon Musk's ownership of X and in retaliation for it no longer functioning as a censorship platform or because Boeing's Starliner is failing, and that firm wants to denigrate SpaceX.

The EPA should spend its time and tax-payer funds solving real problems and let SpaceX get back to work.

Thank you,  
Mark Johnston