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REGION 5
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BP Products North America Inc.
2815 Indianapolis Boulevard
Whiting, Indiana 46394
Case Docket No. CWA-05-2016-0015

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, is providing notice of intent to file a proposed Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) against BP Products North America Inc. (Respondent) for violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Respondent operates a petroleum refinery in Whiting, Indiana. The CAFO will resolve Respondent's liability for federal civil penalties for EPA's allegations that Respondent violated the CWA by failing to maintain and implement its Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan and to provide appropriate containment to prevent a discharge of oil from the refinery. Respondent has agreed to pay a penalty of \$151,899 to resolve these alleged violations.

EPA identified the alleged violations as part of an investigation to evaluate BP's compliance with the oil pollution prevention regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 112 after BP discharged oil into Lake Michigan on March 24, 2014. The United States Coast Guard assessed a civil penalty against BP for the unauthorized oil discharge.

A copy of the Proposed CAFO may be viewed online at: 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 address below.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT:

Section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii), 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-05-2016-0015
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 by 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 deliver your comments or other documents in person, 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 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. 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 final order on the basis that material evidence was not considered, as described in 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(c)(4).