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## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In accordance with Section 309(g)(4)(A) of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(A), and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45 of the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules"), the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is providing notice of a proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment against the City of Shenandoah, Iowa, for alleged violations at wastewater treatment facility located northwest of the City off Old Hwy 2 at 190th Street, Shenandoah, Iowa, 51601.

Under Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), the EPA is authorized to issue orders assessing civil penalties for various violations of the Clean Water Act. The EPA may issue such orders after filing a Complaint commencing either a Class I or Class II penalty proceeding. The EPA provides notice of the proposed assessment of a Class I civil penalty pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(A). Class I proceedings are conducted under EPA's Consolidated Rules, 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

In this case, the EPA alleges that Respondent violated of the terms and conditions of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. IA-0032328 issued pursuant to Section 402 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §1342, and implementing regulations. Specifically, the EPA alleges that numerous times between August 2011 and August 2014 Respondent discharged pollutants, including Five-day Carbonaceous Biological Oxygen Demand, Total Suspended Solids, Ammonia Nitrogen and Total Residual Chlorine, to the Johnson Run Drainage Ditch, then to the East Nishnabotna River, which are waters of the United States, in violation of its Permit and Sections 301(a) and 402 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311(a) and 1342. Respondent has reached agreement with EPA on the terms of a proposed Consent Agreement/Final Order which would resolve this matter. Under the proposed Consent Agreement/Final Order, Respondent will pay a civil penalty of \$15,000. Final approval of the proposed Consent Agreement/Final Order is subject to the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 22.45.

The EPA will receive written comments on the proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. All such comments shall be submitted to the Regional Hearing Clerk at the address provided below. The procedures by which the public may submit written comments on a proposed Class I order or participate in a Class I proceeding, and the procedures by which a respondent may request a hearing, are set forth in the Consolidated Rules. Persons wishing to obtain additional information on the proceeding, receive a copy of EPA's Consolidated Rules, review the proposed [Consent Agreement/Final Order \(PDF\)](#) (11 pp., 1.58MB, [About PDF](#)), comment upon the proposed penalty assessment, or otherwise participate in the proceeding should contact Kathy Robinson, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7, 11201 Renner Blvd, Lenexa, KS 66219. Please reference Docket No. CWA-07-2015-0066. In order to provide opportunity for public comment, EPA will issue no final order assessing a penalty in this proceeding prior to forty (40) days from the date of this notice.

6/24/15  
Date

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