

**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:** EPA is providing notice of a Combined Complaint and Consent Agreement with penalty assessment and the opportunity for public comment on the proposed administrative penalty assessment against Baytex Energy USA LLC for a discharge of oil into waters of the U.S.

**Summary:** EPA is authorized in Class II proceedings under section 311(b)(6) of the Clean Water Act (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 an 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 a Class II penalty proceeding (hearing), if any. The deadline for submitting public comment is thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this notice.

On August 18, 2016, EPA filed a Combined Complaint and Consent Agreement pursuant to section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Act. Pursuant to section 311(b)(6)(C)(i) of the Act, and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45, EPA hereby notifies the public of this proposed penalty assessment:

In the matter of: Baytex Energy USA LLC  
520-3rd Ave. S.W., Suite 2800  
Calgary, AB T2P0R3

EPA Docket Number: CWA-08-2016-0013

Proposed penalty in the Complaint: \$75,000.00

Alleged violations: A discharge of 82 barrels of crude oil into Sawmill Draw and Homestead Draw, tributaries of the Olmstead Creek, in violation of section 311(b)(3) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3).

Written comments on the Combined Complaint and 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 Baytex Energy USA LLC 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 Combined Complaint and 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 (8TMS-IO)  
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 Combined Complaint and 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.