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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSMENT AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

AGENCY: United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment and Opportunity to Comment

SUMMARY: The EPA is providing notice of a proposed administrative penalty assessment for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act (Act). The EPA is also providing notice of the opportunity to comment on the proposed penalty assessment.

Under 33 U.S.C. §1319(g), the EPA is authorized to issue Orders assessing civil penalties for various violations of the Act. The EPA may issue such Orders after the commencement of a Class I or Class II penalty proceeding. The EPA provides Public Notice of the proposed assessment pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(4)(A).

Administrative civil penalty proceedings are conducted under the EPA's "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"), 40 C.F.R. Part 22. The procedures through which the public may submit written comment on a proposed administrative penalty action or participate in an administrative penalty proceeding, and the procedures by which a Respondent may request a Hearing, are set forth in the Consolidated Rules. The deadline for submitting public comment on this administrative civil penalty proceeding is thirty (30) days after issuance of this Public Notice.

On April 12, 2017, the EPA commenced the following administrative action for the assessment of administrative civil penalties: In the matter of the Village of Patchogue, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York 11772, Docket Number CWA-02-2017-3307; Proposed Penalty: **\$16,500.00** and implementation of a Supplemental Environmental Project in the amount of **\$17,657.00** for violations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation State Pollution Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (GP-0-10-002), at a small MS4 owned and operated by the Village of Patchogue in Patchogue, New York.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of the EPA's Consolidated Rules, review documents filed in these proceedings, comment upon the proposed assessments, or otherwise participate in any of the proceedings, should contact Justine Modigliani, Chief, Compliance Section at (212) 637-4268, EPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, 20th Floor, New York, New York 10007. Unless otherwise noted, the administrative record for these proceedings is located in the EPA Regional Office identified above, and the files will be open for public inspection during normal business hours. All information submitted by the Respondent is available as part of the administrative record, subject to provisions of law restricting public disclosure of confidential information.

The EPA has provided the Respondent with an Expedited Settlement Offer in an effort to promptly settle this matter. In order to provide opportunity for public comment, the EPA will take no final action in this proceeding prior to thirty (30) days after issuance of this Notice.

Dated: April 19, 2017

Kathleen Anderson, Acting Director
Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance