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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1**

Date of Notice: May 31, 2012

Public Notice Number: PN2012-0010

Comment Period: June 1, 2012 – July 2, 2012

Action: Notice of Proposed Assessment of Class II Clean Water Act Section 311(b)(6) Administrative Penalty and Opportunity to Comment

Under Section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6)(B)(ii), EPA is authorized to assess a civil penalty after providing the person subject to the penalty notice of the proposed penalty and the opportunity for a hearing, and after providing interested persons public notice of the proposed penalty and a reasonable opportunity to comment on its issuance. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 19 (Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalties for Inflation) promulgated pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701, in a Class II proceeding under 311(b)(6)(B)(ii), the maximum civil penalties that may be administratively assessed have been increased as follows: for violations occurring between March 15, 2004 and January 12, 2009, up to \$11,000 per violation per day for each day during which the violation continues, up to a maximum of \$157,500; and, for violations occurring on or after January 12, 2009, up to \$16,000 per violation per day for each day during which the violation continues, up to a maximum of \$177,500. Class II proceedings are conducted in accordance with the “Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits,” at 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (“Part 22”).

The procedures by which the public may submit written comments on a proposed Class II penalty order or participate in a Class II penalty proceeding are set forth in Part 22. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed Class II penalty order is thirty (30) days after issuance of public notice.

Pursuant to CWA § 311(b)(6)(B)(ii), EPA is providing public notice of the following proposed Class II administrative penalty assessment:

Name and Mailing Address of Respondent: The Miller Company, Inc., 275 Pratt Street, Meriden, Connecticut 06450

Name and Address of Facilities or Sites Addressed by Complaint: 275 Pratt Street, Meriden, Connecticut 06450

Description of Business or Activity Conducted by the Respondent: Manufacturing facility for the production of copper base alloys.

Description of Violations alleged in Complaint subject to public comment: Illegal discharge of oil into waters of the United States in violation of Section 311(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act and failure to comply with Oil Pollution Prevention regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 112, in violation of Section 311(j) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321.

Proposed penalty: Up to the statutory maximum of \$11,000 per day of violation from March 15, 2004 through January 12, 2009, up to a maximum of \$157,500 and \$16,000 per day of violation on or after January 12, 2009, up to a maximum of \$177,500.

Name of case: In the Matter of The Miller Company, Inc.

Docket numbers: CWA-01-2012-0002

Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk: May 29, 2012

Name, Mailing Address, and Telephone Number of Regional Hearing Clerk: Wanda Santiago, EPA Region 1, 5 Post Office Square Suite 100, Mail Code: ORA18-1, Boston, MA 02109-3912

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of Part 22, review the complaint or other documents filed by the parties in this proceeding, comment upon the proposed penalty assessment, or participate in any hearing that may be held, should contact the

Regional Hearing Clerk identified above. Unless otherwise noted, the public record for the proceeding is located in the EPA Regional Office at Five Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts, and the file will be open for public inspection during normal business hours.

In order to provide opportunity for public comment, EPA will not take final action in this proceeding prior to thirty (30) days after issuance of this notice.