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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION I**

Date of Notice: September 24, 2008

Public Notice Number: PN2008-0013

Comment Period: September 25, 2008 – October 24, 2008

Action: Notice of Proposed Assessment of Class I Clean Water Act Section 309(g)(B) Administrative Penalties and Opportunity to Comment

Under Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), 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 (Adjustments of Civil Penalties for Inflation) promulgated pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 31 U.S.C. § 3701, in a Class I proceeding under Section 309(g), the maximum civil penalties that may be administratively assessed have been increased as follows: for violations occurring on or after March 15 2004, up to \$11 000 per violation per day for each day during which the violation continues, up to a maximum of \$32 500. Class I 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 ("Par 22").

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

Pursuant to Section 309(g), EPA is providing public notice of the following proposed

Class I administrative penalty assessment:

In the Matter of: Town of Litchfield, New Hampshire

Name and Mailing Address of Respondent:

Town of Litchfield
Two Liberty Way, Suite 1, Litchfield, NH 03052

Name and Address of Facility or Site Addressed by Complaint:

Town of Litchfield
Two Liberty Way, Suite 1, Litchfield, NH 03052

Description of Business or Activity Conducted by the Respondent:

Town government

Description of Violations Alleged in Complaint:

Non submittal of annual reports for 2007, and 2008 as required by their storm water permit No. NHR041015.

Proposed Settlement Penalty: \$4,000

Name of Case:

In the Matter of: Town of Litchfield, New Hampshire.

Docket Number: CWA-01-2008-0090

Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk: N/A

Name, Mailing Address, and Telephone Number of Regional Hearing Clerk:

Wanda Santiago, Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (RAA), Boston, MA 02114-2023

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of the Part 22 Rules, 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 at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts, and the record will be open for public inspection

during normal business hours.

Because this matter involves a CWA Section 309(g) proceeding which is proposed to be simultaneously commenced and settled under 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this matter will not be resolved or settled until ten (10) days after the close of the public comment period in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §22.45(b) and (c).