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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1**

Date of Notice: December 17, 2008

Public Notice Number: PN2008-0020

Comment Period: December 18, 2008 - January 16, 2009

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 (Adjustments of Civil 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 January 31, 1997 and March 14, 2004, up to \$11,000 per violation per day for each day during which the violation continues, up to a maximum of \$137,500; and, 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 \$157,500. Class II proceedings are conducted in accordance with 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,” 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 Section 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: HOP Energy, LLC (a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware, with a principal place of business in Darien, Connecticut), d.b.a. as DDL Energy, located at 410 Bank Street, New London, Connecticut.

Name and Address of Facility or Site Addressed by Complaint: HOP Energy, LLC, d.b.a. DDL Energy's facility at 410 Bank Street, New London, Connecticut.

Description of Business or Activity Conducted by the Respondent: Petroleum bulk storage and delivery

Description of Violations alleged in Complaint subject to public comment: Failure to comply with Oil Pollution Prevention regulations 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, up to a maximum of \$157,500 for violation of Section 311 of the Clean Water Act.

Name of case: In the Matter of: HOP Energy, LLC, d.b.a. DDL Energy

Docket numbers: CWA-01-2009-0004

Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk: December 15, 2008

Name, Mailing Address, and Telephone Number of Regional Hearing Clerk: Wanda Santiago, U.S. EPA, Region 1, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (RCA), Boston, Massachusetts 02114; (617) 918-1113.

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 One Congress Street, 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.