

Public Notice No. 09-27

Notice of Proposed Administrative Penalty Assessments and Opportunity to Comment

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

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

SUMMARY: EPA is providing notice of proposed administrative penalty assessments for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act. EPA is also providing notice of opportunity to comment on the proposed penalty assessments.

Under 33 U.S.C. §1319(g), EPA is authorized to issue an order assessing civil penalty for various violations of the Act. EPA may issue such order after the commencement of a Class I and/or Class II penalty proceeding. EPA provides public notice of the proposed assessments pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(4)(a).

Administrative civil penalty proceedings are conducted under 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", 40 CFR 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 date identified below, EPA commenced the following administrative action for the assessment of administrative civil penalties: In the matter of Municipality of Añasco Box 1385, Añasco, Puerto Rico 00610-1385, Docket NO.CWA-02-2009-3352; Filed on March 27, 2009 with Regional Hearing Clerk Karen Maples, EPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10007 (212) 637-3247; Proposed Penalty: **\$2,750** for failure to comply with certain requirements of the NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Activities at the Añasco Industrial Park and Road Connector construction site located at State Road 402 km. 1.9, Las Marias Sector, Añasco Arriba Ward, Añasco, P.R as required by the storm water regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Persons wishing to receive a copy of EPA's Consolidated Rules, Review the Complaint or other documents filed in these proceedings, comment upon the proposed assessments, or otherwise participate in any of the proceedings, should contact the Regional Hearing Karen Maples,

EPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10007 (212) 637-3247. 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.

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, EPA will take no final action in this proceeding prior to thirty (30) days after issuance of this Notice.

Dated: March 31, 2009
Carl-Axel P. Soderberg, Director
Caribbean Environmental Protection Division