

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8  
1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129**

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON CLEAN WATER ACT  
SETTLEMENT**

**Action:** The EPA is providing notice of the opportunity to comment on a proposed Combined Complaint and Consent Agreement (CCCA). The agreement relates to alleged violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA) at the flow line associated with the SE Bayfield well (Flow Line) on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The penalty is to be assessed against Samson Resources Company (Samson). The corporate address of Samson is Two West Second Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103-3103.

**Summary:** The EPA is authorized by section 309(g) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), and by 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.38, to issue an order assessing a civil administrative penalty for violations of certain CWA requirements, after providing (1) an opportunity for the person to be assessed the penalty (the Respondent) to request a hearing to contest the penalty, and (2) notification to the public of its rights to submit written comments and to participate in any hearing. The deadline for the public to submit comments is thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this notice.

The EPA has alleged that on or about October 17, 2014, Samson discharged approximately fifteen barrels of produced water from the Flow Line into Beaver Creek without a CWA permit. The EPA and Samson have agreed to enter into a CCCA to resolve the EPA's alleged violations of section 301(a) of the CWA, described above. Samson has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$12,100.00 to resolve its civil penalty liability for these claims. Pursuant to section 309(g)(4) of the CWA, the EPA hereby notifies the public of the EPA's proposed penalty assessment.

EPA Docket Number: CWA-08-2015-0027

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Written comments on the Consent Agreement are encouraged and will be accepted at the address listed below for a period of thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice. Written comments submitted by the public as well as information submitted by the Respondent will be available for public review, subject to the provisions of law restricting the disclosure of confidential information. Any person submitting written comments has a right to participate in a hearing, if one is held. The Consent Agreement is available for review between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the address listed below and on the internet at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/oa/rhc/epaadmin.nsf>.

Please submit written comments to:

Tina Artemis (8RC)  
Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. EPA, Region 8  
1595 Wynkoop Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202-1129.  
Telephone: (303) 312-6765

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Persons wishing to receive a copy of the Consent Agreement or other documents in this proceeding (such as the regulations in 40 C.F.R. part 22, which establish procedures for the hearing), or to comment upon the proposed penalty assessment or upon any other aspect of the matter, should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk identified above. No action will be taken by the EPA to finalize a settlement in this matter until thirty (30) days after this public notice.