

**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: EPA is providing notice of a Combined Complaint and Consent Agreement with penalty assessment and the opportunity for public comment on the proposed administrative penalty assessment against Samson Resources Company for discharges of oil into waters of the U.S and for an inadequate Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan.

Summary: EPA is authorized in Class II proceedings under Section 311(b)(6) of the Clean Water Act (Act), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6), to issue orders assessing civil penalties for violations of the Act and its implementing regulations, after providing the person subject to the penalty notice of an opportunity for a hearing, and after providing the public with notice of the proposed penalty, and the opportunity to submit written comments and to participate in a Class II penalty proceeding (hearing), if any. The deadline for submitting public comment is thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this notice.

On September 15, 2015, EPA filed a Combined Complaint and Consent Agreement pursuant to section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Act. Pursuant to section 311(b)(6)(C) of the Act, and 40 C.F.R. § 22.45, EPA hereby notifies the public of this proposed penalty assessment:

In the matter of: Samson Resources Company
Two West Second Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103

EPA Docket Number: CWA-08-2015-0028

Proposed penalty in the Complaint: \$150,000.00

Alleged violations: Discharge of approximately 400 barrels of produced water and 10 barrels of crude oil from an underground produced water transfer injection line on June 24, 2013, and for an inadequate Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan. A portion of the produced water/oil mix impacted wetlands adjacent to Sand Creek which is a tributary of Medicine Lake in Roosevelt County, Montana, in violation of section 311(b)(3) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3). The SPCC plan does not include a contingency plan for the injection line that failed in violation of 311(j) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C § 1321(j).

Written comments on the Combined Complaint and Consent Agreement are encouraged and will be accepted at the address listed below for a period of thirty (30) calendar days after the publication of this notice. Written comments submitted by the public, as well as information submitted by Samson Resources Company 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 Combined Complaint and 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/epadmin.nsf>.

Submit written comments to: Tina Artemis
Regional Hearing Clerk (8RC);
EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1129
Telephone: (303) 312-6765.

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