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REGION 5
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PUBLIC NOTICE

J and V Probst Pork, Inc.
James Probst, in his individual capacity
Rural Route 1, Box 158
Sigel, Illinois 62462
Case Docket No. [Docket No.]

CWA-05-2016-0020



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5, is providing this notice of its intent to file a Consent Agreement and Proposed Final Order (Proposed CAFO) against J and V Probst Pork, Inc. and James Probst (Respondents) for violations of the Clean Water Act. This Proposed CAFO will settle EPA's allegations that the Respondents violated the Clean Water Act by discharging pollutants without a permit into a water of the United States. Respondents operate a concentrated animal feeding operation in Shelby County, Illinois. In the proposed CAFO, EPA alleges that Respondents discharged pollutants from their operation to an unnamed tributary of Henry Creek. The EPA and Respondents have agreed in principle that Respondents will pay a civil penalty of \$27,000 to resolve these violations.

A copy of the Proposed CAFO may be viewed on-line at: www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-5#events by clicking on the "Proposed Consent Agreement and Final Order" link on the Region 5 events calendar for the docket number identified above. Alternatively, you may contact the Regional Hearing Clerk at the address listed below to request a copy of the Proposed CAFO.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT:

Section 309(g) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g) requires that interested persons be given notice of the proposed penalty and a reasonable opportunity to comment on it. Any person who wishes to comment on this proposed CAFO may submit written comments, may attend or present evidence at any hearing scheduled on this matter, or both, by following the procedures in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 22, Section 45 (40 C.F.R. § 22.45), particularly subpart (c) *comment by a person who is not a party*. This portion of the code of federal regulations may be accessed at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2015-title40-vol1/pdf/CFR-2015-title40-vol1-sec22-45.pdf> or through <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/>. You may also wish to review 40 C.F.R. Part 22 to learn more about the procedures and rules of practice governing the administrative assessment of civil penalties.

Comments should be made in writing to the Regional Hearing Clerk at:

Docket No. [Docket No.] CWA-05-2016-0020
Regional Hearing Clerk
Mail Code E-19J
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604



Written comments may be submitted to the Regional Hearing Clerk by email to whitehead.ladawn@epa.gov; by facsimile (fax) to 312-692-2405; or by mail or delivery to the Clerk's address above. Your comments should include the case name, docket number, and your complete mailing address. If you plan to deliver your comments or other documents in person, please call the Regional Hearing Clerk at (312) 886-3713 for further instructions. Comments and documents sent to any EPA employee other than the Regional Hearing Clerk are not assured of consideration in this matter.

Note that the Agency requires your mailing address because we must use the U.S. Postal Service should we need to reply, request additional information, or notify you of a hearing, and to provide a copy of any consent agreement and proposed final order.

All written comments must be received in the Regional Hearing Clerk's Office no later than 4:30 p.m., Central Time, of the Comment Period End Date shown on the Region 5 events calendar page for this docket number: www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-5#events
All documents filed in this proceeding (including documents submitted by the Respondents or by the public) are available for public inspection by appointment only between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the EPA Regional Office. An appointment for such an inspection may be made by calling (312) 886-3713 or by writing the Regional Hearing Clerk at the address above.

If this Proposed CAFO is filed in its present form, no hearing will be held in this matter. If a hearing is held, we will advise the public who (during the public comment period) submitted a written request to participate in a hearing of the date, time, and place of the hearing, which they may attend and present evidence on the appropriateness of the proposed penalty assessment by following the instructions in 40 C.F.R. 22.45(c)(1).

Only persons who during the comment period submit written comments or ask to participate in any hearing held in this matter preserve a right to petition the Regional Administrator to set aside the Consent Agreement and Proposed Final Order on the basis that material evidence was not considered, as described in 40 C.F.R. 22.45(c)(4).