

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1

Date of Notice: 12/8/2025

Public Notice Number: PN2026-00001

Comment Period: 12/08/2025 to 01/07/2026

Action: Notice of Proposed Assessment of Class I Clean Water Act Section 309(g)(2)(A) Administrative Penalties and Opportunity to Comment

Under Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), 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. In Class I proceedings under Section 309(g)(2)(A), any person who violates certain provisions of the Clean Water Act may be administratively assessed a civil penalty of up to \$27,378 per day per violation for each day during which the violation continued, up to a maximum penalty of \$68,445. Proceedings are conducted in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation 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 penalty order or participate in a penalty proceeding are set forth in Part 22. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed penalty order is 30 days after issuance of public notice.

Pursuant to Section 309(g), EPA is providing public notice of the following proposed administrative penalty assessment:

Name of Case: *In the Matter of: Hawthorn Preserve, LLC*

Name and Mailing Address of Respondent:

Hawthorn Preserve, LLC
63 Monatiquot Avenue
Braintree, MA 02184

Name and Address of Facility or Site Addressed by Agreement:

The Residences at Hawthorn Preserve
338 Elm Street
Braintree, MA 02184

Description of Business or Activity Conducted by Respondent:

Respondent is a residential home developer. The Residences at Hawthorn Preserve is a residential development under construction in Braintree, Massachusetts.

Description of Violation(s) Alleged in Agreement:

Failure to comply with the federal Construction General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities (“Permit”) including: Failure to install sediment controls along all perimeter areas of the site that will receive pollutant discharges; failure to minimize disturbances of “steep slopes”; failure to properly design or locate sediment basin or similar impoundment in accordance with Permit requirements; failure to include all required elements in Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Site Map; failure to include all required information for each erosion and sediment control in Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

Proposed Settlement Penalty: \$3,660.00

Docket Number: CWA-01-2026-0015

Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk: N/A

Name, Mailing Address, and Telephone Number of Regional Hearing Clerk:

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We strongly encourage you to contact the Regional Hearing Clerk using either the email address provided above or by calling the Clerk at (617) 918-1113. Please reference Docket No. CWA-01-2026-0015 in any comments submitted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Copies of Part 22 can be found at: <https://ecfr.io>Title-40/Part-22>. Persons wishing to receive a copy of Part 22, review the proposed agreement 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. Documents in the public record for the proceeding will be provided electronically upon request.

Because this matter involves a Clean Water Act Section 309(g) proceeding that is proposed to be simultaneously commenced and settled under 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this matter will not be resolved or settled until 10 days after the close of the public comment period in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(b), (c).