

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1**

Date of Notice: 7/31/2026

Public Notice Number: PN2025-00010

Comment Period: 8/4/2026 thru 9/3/2026

Action: Notice of Proposed Assessment of Class II Civil Penalty and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing under Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act (CWA)

Under Section 309(g) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g) the United States Environmental Protection Agency (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 II proceedings under Section 309(g)(2)(B), any person who violates certain provisions of the CWA may be assessed an administrative civil penalty of up to \$27,378 per day per violation for each day during which the violation continued, up to a maximum of \$342,218. 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 the public notice.

Pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(A), EPA is providing public notice of the following proposed administrative penalty assessment:

Name of Case: *In the Matter of Casella Waste Management, Inc., Casella Waste Management of Massachusetts, Inc. and Pine Tree Waste, Inc.*

Names and Mailing Addresses of Respondents:

Casella Waste Management, Inc.
25 Greens Hill Lane
Rutland, VT 05701

Casella Waste Management of Massachusetts, Inc.
49 Sword Street
Auburn, MA 01501

Pine Tree Waste, Inc.
25 Greens Hill Lane
Rutland, VT 05701

Names and Addresses of Facilities or Sites Addressed by Agreement:

Casella Waste Management, Inc.
437 Vernon Street
Brattleboro, VT 05301

Casella Waste Management of Massachusetts, Inc.
295 Forest Street
Peabody, MA 01960

Casella Waste Management of Massachusetts, Inc.
3 Otter Court
Raymond, NH 03077

Pine Tree Waste, Inc.
6 Gerald Terrace
Fairfield, ME 04937

Pine Tree Waste, Inc.
87 Pleasant Hill Road
Scarborough, ME 04074

Description of Business or Activity Conducted by Respondents:

Casella Waste Management, Inc., Casella Waste Management of Massachusetts, Inc. and Pine Tree Waste, Inc. are waste collection and disposal services with a common parent company headquartered in Rutland, Vermont.

Description of Violation(s) Alleged in Agreement:

EPA alleges that Respondents discharged industrial stormwater in violation of Section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act (“CWA”), 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a).

Proposed Settlement Penalty:

\$214,816 total (\$62,627 for Casella Waste Management, Inc.; \$66,869 for Casella Waste Management of Massachusetts, Inc.; and \$85,320 for Pine Street Waste Inc.)

Docket Numbers:

CWA-01-2026-0055, CWA-01-2026-0056 and CWA-01-2026-0057

Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk:

N/A

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We strongly encourage you to contact the Regional Hearing Clerk using either email address provided above or by calling her at (617) 918-1113. Please reference Docket Nos. CWA-01-2026-0055, CWA-01-2026-0056 and CWA-01-2026-0057 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 CWA Section 309(g)(2)(B) 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 ten (10) days after the close of the public comment period in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(b) and (c).