

## **Towson University, Maryland**

### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER ASSESSING ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY--REGION III**  
**Water Protection Division, Office of NPDES Permits and Enforcement, NPDES Enforcement Branch (3WP42)**  
**1650 Arch Street**  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103**

**Date of Notice:** 9.27.2016

**NPDES Permit No.:** General NPDES Permit No. MDR0055501

**DOCKET NUMBER:** CWA-03-2016-0135

**Comments will be accepted until November 5<sup>th</sup> 2016.**

In accordance with Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g) AND 40 CFR § 22.45, notice is hereby given that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region III, is proposing to file a Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) assessing an administrative civil penalty in the amount of thirty-one thousand three hundred twenty dollars (\$31,320) against the Respondent named below, for alleged violations of its NPDES permit.

#### **RESPONDENTS:**

Towson University  
8000 York Road  
Towson, Maryland 21252-0001

**SUMMARY OF VIOLATIONS:** EPA alleges the following violations to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from State and Federal Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4): A) failure to implement illicit discharge detection and elimination program; B) failure to comply with State Stormwater Requirements; C) failure to ensure proper permitting of all facilities and failure to develop pollution prevention and good housekeeping procedures; and D) failure to submit annual reports/deficient annual reports. These failures constitute a violation of Section 301(a) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311(a). These violations were discovered during an NPDES inspection of Respondents' MS4 in November of 2013.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT:** Persons wishing to comment on the amount of the penalty or legal or factual basis for the proposed penalty are invited to submit a statement to the EPA Regional Administrator, addressed to the attention of the Regional Hearing Clerk (address below), within forty (40) days of the date of this public notice. Comments received within this forty (40) day period will be considered. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the basis for any comment and any relevant facts on which it is based.

#### **All comments should be addressed to:**

Regional Hearing Clerk (3RC00)  
U.S. EPA, Region III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

**AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION:** Information relevant to the APO may be requested through the Regional Hearing Clerk.

**REGISTRY OF INTERESTED PERSONS:** Any person interested in a particular case or group of cases may leave his/her name, address, and telephone number on a registry of interested persons which will be maintained in each file. The list of names will be maintained as a means for persons with an interest in the case to contact others with the same interest.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.** Interested parties may contact the following EPA representative to learn more about this action.

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