

City of Altoona

Altoona, Pennsylvania

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER ASSESSING ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY AND

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Date of Notice: December 14, 2017

NPDES Permit No.: PAG133662

DOCKET NUMBER: CWA-03-2018-0011

Comments will be accepted until January 23, 2018

In accordance with Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), notice is hereby given that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Mid-Atlantic Region, is proposing to file a Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) assessing an administrative civil penalty against the Respondent named below, for alleged violations of its NPDES permit.

RESPONDENT:

City of Altoona
1301 Twelfth Street, Suite 200
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601

SUMMARY OF VIOLATIONS: EPA Mid-Atlantic Region alleges that the City of Altoona failed to adhere to its permit by failing to develop a written program for detection, elimination and prevention of illicit discharges, failing to adequately administer a post construction stormwater management program and failing to develop and implement a written operations and management program.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER: Based on the foregoing and having taken into account the penalty factors set forth in Section 309(g) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), EPA Mid-Atlantic Region proposes to file the CAFO requiring the payment of a \$7,500.00 penalty. The CAFO both commences and concludes these proceedings.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT: Persons wishing to comment on the amount of the penalty or legal or factual basis for the proposed CAFO 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, Mid-Atlantic Region

1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION: Information relevant to the CAFO 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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