

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 1**

**Date of Notice:** April 26, 2019

**Public Notice Number:** PN2019-0004

**Comment Period:** April 29, 2019 – May 28, 2019

**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 \$21,933 per day per violation for each day during which the violation continued, up to a maximum penalty of \$54,833. 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 thirty (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: Russo Bros, Inc.

**Name and Mailing Address of Respondent:**

Russo Bros., Inc.  
Attn: Andrew Russo  
P.O. Box 2105  
Framingham, MA 01713

**Name and Address of Facility or Site Addressed by Agreement:**

Hartford Village Phase II  
Hixon Street  
Bellingham, MA 02019

**Description of Business or Activity Conducted by Respondent:**

Site contractor that performs services that include site development for commercial, municipal and residential entities.

**Description of Violation(s) Alleged in Agreement:**

Russo Bros, Inc. failed to remove sediment before accumulating to one-half of the above-ground height of their perimeter control (Part 2.2.3 of the Construction General Permit for Stormwater, ("CGP"). Russo Bros, Inc. also failed to stabilize a slope of dirt that had been inactive for over 14 calendar days (Part 2.2.14 of the CGP).

**Proposed Settlement Penalty:** \$1,800.00

**Docket Number:** CWA-01-2019-0021

**Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk:** N/A

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

Wanda I. Santiago  
Regional Hearing Clerk  
U.S. EPA, Region 1  
5 Post Office Square - Suite 100  
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Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912  
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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** 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. Unless otherwise noted, the public record for the proceeding is located in the EPA Regional Office at 5 Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts, and the file will be open for public inspection during normal business hours.

Because this matter involves a CWA 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 ten (10) days after the close of the public comment period in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(b) and (c).