UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION 1**

Date of Notice: 1/10/22

Public Notice Number: PN2022-00004

Comment Period: 1/11/2022 to 2/10/2022

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 \$22,584 per day per

violation for each day during which the violation continued, up to a maximum penalty of

\$56,460. 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: Harbor Classic Homes L.L.C.

Name and Mailing Address of Respondent:

Harbor Classic Homes L.L.C.

Attention: Peter A. CampoBasso, Esquire Law Office of Peter A. CampoBasso, P.C.

Three Park Street, 3rd Floor Leominster, MA 01453

Email: peter.campobasso@pacampolaw.com

Name and Address of Facility or Site Addressed by Agreement:

Laurel Hill Estates 2038 Lunenburg Road Lancaster, MA 01523

Description of Business or Activity Conducted by Respondent:

Respondent is a residential home developer. Laurel Hill Estates is a residential development under construction in Lancaster, MA.

Description of Violation(s) Alleged in Agreement:

The site failed to install adequate erosion controls, resulting in turbid water leaving the site during an August 2021 storm. An EPA inspection in September 2021 revealed improved erosion controls, but a failure to fully stabilize areas of the site that were not under active construction. Additionally, the site operator was not performing required inspections of erosion controls.

Proposed Settlement Penalty: \$6,750

Docket Number: CWA-01-2022-0008

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 Mail Code: ORC 04-6 Boston, MA 02109-3912 (617) 918-1113

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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 No. CWA-01-2022-0008 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. Due to COVID-19, documents in the public record for the proceeding will be provided electronically upon request.

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).