

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1**

Date of Notice: 5/21/2025

Public Notice Number: PN2025-000011

Comment Period: 05/21/2025 thru 06/20/2025

Action: Notice of Proposed Assessment of Class II Clean Water Act Section 309(g)(2)(B) Administrative Penalty and Opportunity to Comment

Under Sections 309(g) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1319(g) EPA is authorized to assess civil penalties after providing the person subject to the penalties notice of the proposed penalties 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 Clean Water Act may be administratively assessed a civil penalty of up to \$27,378 per day per violation for each day during which the violation continued, up to a maximum penalty of \$342,218. Proceedings are conducted in accordance with the “Consolidated Rules 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 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: D & F Afonso Builders, Inc.

Name and Mailing Address of Respondent:

D & F Afonso Builders, Inc.
189 Main Street
Milford, Massachusetts
01757

Name and Address of Facility or Site Addressed by Agreement:

D & F Afonso Builders,
Inc.
189 Main Street
Milford, Massachusetts 01757

Description of Business or Activity Conducted by Respondent:

D & F Afonso, Inc. is a construction company that works on residential development.

Description of Violation(s) Alleged in Agreement:

Discharges of stormwater without authorization under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (CGP) for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities.

Proposed Settlement Penalty:

\$32,550

Docket Number:

CWA-01-2025-0039

Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk:

N/A

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

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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-01-2025-0039 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.

Because this matter involves CWA Sections 309(g) proceedings that are proposed to be simultaneously commenced and settled under 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b), this matter will not be resolved or settled until 10 days after the close of the public comment period in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(b) and (c).