

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1**

Date of Notice: 9/24/2024

Public Notice Number: PN2025-000003

Comment Period: 09/24/2024 thru 10/23/2024

Action: Notice of Proposed Assessment of Class II Civil Penalty and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing under Sections 309(g) and 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) of the Clean Water Act (CWA)

Under Sections 309(g) and 311(b)(6) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1319(g) and 1321(b)(6), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (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 II proceedings under Section 309(g)(2)(B), any person who violates certain provisions of the CWA may be administratively assessed a civil penalty of up to \$26,685 per day per violation for each day during which the violation continued, up to a maximum of \$333,552. In Class II proceedings under Section 311(b)(6)(B)(ii), any person who violates certain provisions of the CWA may be assessed an administrative civil penalty of up to \$23,048 per day per violation for each day during which the violation continued, up to a maximum of \$288,080. 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 30 days after issuance of the public notice.

Pursuant to CWA, Sections 309(g) and 311(b)(6), EPA is providing public notice of the following proposed administrative penalty assessment:

Name of Case: *In the Matter of: Soundview Paper Company*

Name and Mailing Address of Respondent:

Soundview Paper Company
1 Mill Street
Putney, VT 05346

Name and Address of Facility or Site Addressed by Agreement:

Soundview Paper Company
1 Mill Street
Putney, VT 05346

Description of Business or Activity Conducted by Respondent:

Soundview is a manufacturer of paper products such as napkins, toilet paper and tissue. Soundview's Putney facility, which is about 62,000 square feet in size, has been used for manufacturing paper products since 1818. Soundview's parent company is Marcal Holdings, LLC, headquartered in Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

Description of Violation(s) Alleged in Agreement:

EPA alleges that Respondent: (1) failed to comply with specific effluent limits and reporting requirements in the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit in violation of CWA, Section 301(a); (2) failed to comply with CWA Section 311(b)(3), 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3), by discharging heating oil from the facility to waters of the United States; and (3) failed to comply with CWA, Section 311(j), and the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 112.

Proposed Settlement Penalty:

\$177,759

Docket Number:

CWA-01-2025-0006

Date Filed with Regional Hearing Clerk:

N/A

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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-01-2025-0006 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. Documents in the public record for the proceeding will be provided electronically upon request.

Because this matter involves a CWA Sections 309(g) and 311(b)(6)(B)(ii) 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).