

in the Audit Policy for a 100% waiver of the gravity component of the penalty. As a result, EPA waived the gravity based penalty (\$59,813) and proposed a settlement penalty amount four thousand seven hundred seventeen dollars (\$4,717). This is the amount of the economic benefit gained by US WEST attributable to its delayed compliance with the SPCC regulations. US WEST has agreed to pay this amount in civil penalties. EPA and US WEST negotiated and signed an administrative consent agreement, following the Consolidated Rules of Procedure, 40 CFR 22.13, on September 30, 1999 (*In Re: US WEST Communications, Inc.* Docket No. CWA-HQ-99-008). This consent agreement is subject to public notice and comment under CWA section 311(b)(6), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6).

Under CWA section 311(b)(6)(A), 33 U.S.C. 1321 (b)(6)(A), any owner, operator, or person in charge of a vessel, onshore facility, or offshore facility from which oil is discharged in violation of the CWA section 311 (b)(3), 33 U.S.C. 1321 (b)(3), or who fails or refuses to comply with any regulations that have been issued under CWA section 311 (j), 33 U.S.C. 1321(j), may be assessed an administrative civil penalty of up to \$137,500 by EPA. Class II proceedings under CWA section 311(b)(6) are conducted in accordance with 40 CFR part 22.

The procedures by which the public may comment on a proposed Class II penalty order, or participate in a Clean Water Act Class II penalty proceeding, are set forth in 40 CFR 22.45. The deadline for submitting public comment on this proposed final order is November 12, 1999. All comments will be transferred to the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB") of EPA for consideration. The powers and duties of the EAB are outlined in 40 CFR 22.04(a).

Pursuant to CWA section 311(b)(6)(C), EPA will not issue an order in this proceeding prior to the close of the public comment period.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6455-9; CWA-HQ-99-007]

#### Clean Water Act Class II: Proposed Administrative Settlement, Penalty Assessment and Opportunity To Comment Regarding Western Wireless Corporation and VoiceStream Wireless Corporation

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has entered into a consent agreement with Western Wireless Corporation ("Western Wireless") and VoiceStream Wireless Corporation ("VoiceStream Wireless") to resolve violations of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), and its implementing regulations. Western Wireless and VoiceStream Wireless failed to prepare Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure ("SPCC") plans for four facilities where they stored diesel oil in above ground tanks. EPA, as authorized by CWA section 311(b)(6), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6), has assessed a civil penalty for these violations. The Administrator, as required by CWA section 311(b)(6)(C), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(C), is hereby providing public notice of, and an opportunity for interested persons to comment on, this consent agreement and proposed final order.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before November 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments to the Enforcement & Compliance Docket and Information Center (2201A), Docket Number EC-1999-010, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. (Comments may be submitted on disk in WordPerfect 8.0 or earlier versions.) Written comments may be delivered in person to: Enforcement and Compliance Docket Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 4033, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Submit comments electronically to [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:docket.oeca@epa.gov). Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The consent agreement, the proposed final order, and public comments, if any, may be reviewed at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 4033, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Persons interested in reviewing these materials must make

arrangements in advance by calling the docket clerk at 202-564-2614. A reasonable fee may be charged by EPA for copying docket materials.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Philip Milton, Multimedia Enforcement Division (2248-A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-2235; fax: (202) 564-0010; e-mail: [milton.philip@epa.gov](mailto:milton.philip@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Electronic Copies:* Electronic copies of this document are available from the EPA Home Page under the link "Laws and Regulations" at the **Federal Register**—Environmental Documents entry (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>).

#### I. Background

Western Wireless and VoiceStream Wireless, both located at 3650 131st Avenue, S.E., Suite 400, Bellevue, Washington 98006, disclosed, pursuant to the EPA "Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosures, Correction and Prevention of Violations" ("Audit Policy"), 60 FR 66706 (December 22, 1995), that they failed to prepare SPCC plans for four facilities where they stored diesel oil in above ground storage tanks, in violation of the CWA section 311(b)(3) and 40 CFR Part 112. EPA determined that Western Wireless and VoiceStream Wireless met the criteria set out in the Audit Policy for a 100% waiver of the gravity component of the penalty. As a result, EPA waived the gravity based penalty (\$30,525) and proposed a settlement penalty amount one thousand, five hundred and ninety-three dollars (\$1,593). This is the amount of the economic benefit gained by Western Wireless and VoiceStream Wireless, attributable to their delayed compliance with the SPCC regulations. Western Wireless and VoiceStream Wireless have agreed to pay this amount in civil penalties. EPA and Western Wireless and VoiceStream Wireless negotiated and signed an administrative consent agreement, following the Consolidated Rules of Procedure, 40 CFR. 22.13, on October 6, 1999 (*In Re: Western Wireless and VoiceStream Wireless*, Docket No. CWA-HQ-99-007). This consent agreement is subject to public notice and comment under CWA section 311(b)(6), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6).

Under CWA section 311(b)(6)(A), 33 U.S.C. 1321 (b)(6)(A), any owner, operator, or person in charge of a vessel, onshore facility, or offshore facility from which oil is discharged in violation of the CWA section 311 (b)(3), 33 U.S.C. 1321 (b)(3), or who fails or refuses to comply with any regulations that have been issued under CWA section 311 (j),

33 U.S.C. 1321(j), may be assessed an administrative civil penalty of up to \$137,500 by EPA. Class II proceedings under CWA section 311(b)(6) are conducted in accordance with 40 CFR Part 22.

The procedures by which the public may comment on a proposed Class II penalty order, or participate in a Clean Water Act Class II penalty proceeding, are set forth in 40 CFR 22.45. The deadline for submitting public comment on this proposed final order is November 12, 1999. All comments will be transferred to the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB") of EPA for consideration. The powers and duties of the EAB are outlined in 40 CFR 22.04(a).

Pursuant to CWA section 311(b)(6)(C), EPA will not issue an order in this proceeding prior to the close of the public comment period.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: October 6, 1999.

**Melissa P. Marshall,**

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Assurance.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Clean Water Act Class II: Proposed Administrative Settlement, Penalty Assessment and Opportunity To Comment Regarding Paging Network Inc.

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA has entered into a consent agreement with Paging Network Inc. ("PageNet") to resolve violations of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), and its implementing regulations. PageNet failed to prepare a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure ("SPCC") plan for two facilities where it stored diesel oil in above ground tanks. EPA, as authorized by CWA section 311(b)(6), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6), has assessed a civil penalty for these violations. The Administrator, as required by CWA section 311(b)(6)(C), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6)(C), is hereby providing public notice of, and an opportunity for interested persons to comment on, this consent agreement and proposed final order.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before November 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments to the Enforcement & Compliance Docket and Information Center (2201A), Docket Number EC-1999-007, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW Washington, DC 20460. (Comments may be submitted on disk in WordPerfect 8.0 or earlier versions.) Written comments may be delivered in person to: Enforcement and Compliance Docket Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 4033, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Submit comments electronically to [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:docket.oeca@epa.gov). Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The consent agreement, the proposed final order, and public comments, if any, may be reviewed at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. 4033, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Persons interested in reviewing these materials must make arrangements in advance by calling the docket clerk at 202-564-2614. A reasonable fee may be charged by EPA for copying docket materials.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Philip Milton, Multimedia Enforcement Division (2248-3A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-2235; fax: (202) 564-0010; e-mail: [milton.philip@epa.gov](mailto:milton.philip@epa.gov).

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#### I. Background

PageNet, 14911 Quorum Drive, Dallas, Texas 75240, pursuant to the EPA "Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosures, Correction and Prevention of Violations" ("Audit Policy"), 60 FR 66706 (December 22, 1995), disclosed to EPA that it failed to prepare SPCC plans for two facilities where it stored diesel oil in above ground storage tanks, in violation of the CWA section 311(b)(3) and 40 CFR Part 112. EPA determined that PageNet met the criteria set out in the Audit Policy for a 100% waiver of the gravity component of the penalty. As a result, EPA waived the gravity based penalty (\$15,090) and proposed a settlement penalty amount one thousand, seven hundred and ninety-four dollars (\$1,794). This is the amount

of the economic benefit gained by PageNet, attributable to its delayed compliance with the SPCC regulations. PageNet has agreed to pay this amount in civil penalties. EPA and PageNet negotiated and signed an administrative consent agreement, following the Consolidated Rules of Procedure, 40 CFR 22.13, on October 6, 1999 (*In Re: Paging Network, Inc.*, Docket No. CWA-HQ-99-006). This consent agreement is subject to public notice and comment under CWA section 311(b)(6), 33 U.S.C. 1321(b)(6).

Under CWA section 311(b)(6)(A) 33 U.S.C. 1321 (b)(6)(A), any owner, operator, or person in charge of a vessel, onshore facility, or offshore facility from which oil is discharged in violation of the CWA section 311 (b)(3), 33 U.S.C. 1321 (b)(3), or who fails or refuses to comply with any regulations that have been issued under CWA section 311 (j), 33 U.S.C. 1321(j), may be assessed an administrative civil penalty of up to \$137,500 by EPA. Class II proceedings under CWA section 311(b)(6) are conducted in accordance with 40 CFR Part 22.

The procedures by which the public may comment on a proposed Class II penalty order, or participate in a Clean Water Act Class II penalty proceeding, are set forth in 40 CFR 22.45. The deadline for submitting public comment on this proposed final order is November 12, 1999. All comments will be transferred to the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB") of EPA for consideration. The powers and duties of the EAB are outlined in 40 CFR 22.04(a).

Pursuant to CWA section 311(b)(6)(C), EPA will not issue an order in this proceeding prior to the close of the public comment period.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Clean Water Act Class II: Proposed Administrative Settlement, Penalty Assessment and Opportunity To Comment Regarding BellSouth Corporation

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).