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Brendan Joyce
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Southfield, MI 48034

Re: Notice of Federal Interest - Oil Discharge to the Roaring Branch Creek/Lake Oliver/Chattahoochee River at the Aludyne Columbus Georgia Facility, 1600 Northside Industrial Blvd. Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Joyce:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is writing to notify you that on July 16, 2026, EPA identified a discharge or a substantial threat of a discharge of oil from a stormwater outfall at the Aludyne Columbus Georgia Facility (the "Facility") into the Roaring Branch Creek, a tributary of navigable waterway or Water of the United States. You may be financially responsible for costs incurred to remove, mitigate, or prevent the threat of, a discharge of oil. This letter is not a liability determination or an indication that the United States has decided to take an enforcement action.

Under the Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, the United States may take appropriate action to ensure effective and immediate removal of a discharge, and to mitigate or prevent a substantial threat of a discharge of oil in such quantities that may be harmful to the public health or welfare or the environment. The owner or operator of the Facility is liable for clean-up costs and damages incurred as a result of the discharge of oil.

Pursuant to Section 300.305 of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP),¹ EPA conducts a preliminary assessment of the discharge or substantial threat of a discharge of oil to determine, among other things, the magnitude and severity of the discharge to public health or welfare of the United States or the environment, the feasibility of removal or prevention of the discharge (referred to as a "removal action"), and, to the extent practicable, the identity of potentially responsible parties. EPA's preliminary assessment relies upon available information, including any information provided by you and/or other parties. EPA's preliminary assessment indicates that a removal action is needed.

The Facility is located at/on the following property: 1600 Northside Industrial Blvd. Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia. At this point in time, EPA's preliminary assessment indicates that you may be:

- **An owner of the Facility**

¹ The NCP can be accessed at <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?node=pt40.28.300&rgn=div5>.

- **An operator of the Facility**
- **An owner of the land on which the Facility is located**

EPA has made this identification based upon available information, including:

- **Information provided by the State of Georgia Environmental Protection Division**

EPA may continue to collect information as part of the assessment and removal action process.

In certain instances, the NCP authorizes persons responsible for a discharge or threat of a discharge to voluntarily and promptly perform a removal action to address the oil, provided the EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) determines such actions will ensure an effective and immediate removal of the discharge or mitigation or prevention of a threat of a discharge. EPA asks that, within 5 days of your receipt of this letter, you inform EPA whether you will take actions to address the discharge or threat of discharge of oil. If you do not take a removal action or the OSC determines that your actions and/or planned actions do not ensure an effective and immediate removal of the discharge or threat of discharge of oil, EPA may conduct a removal action. EPA may also oversee any removal action you may conduct.

You can notify me at:

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EPA may also determine that a removal action is necessary before the above-stated deadline for various reasons, in which case the EPA OSC will make a reasonable effort to contact you and inform you of the circumstance.

If costs are incurred by the United States, the United States Coast Guard, National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC), will determine the responsible parties liable for the costs incurred and initiate cost recovery actions to reimburse the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF).² The NPFC may contact you concerning this oil discharge or threat of discharge.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Eichinger

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July 17, 2026

²Additional information on the OSLTF and NPFC can be found at: <https://www.uscg.mil/Mariners/National-Pollution-Funds-Center/Response/>

Received and Acknowledged By:

Signature: _____

Date Received: _____ Time Received: _____

Printed Name and Address: Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____

cc: Dwayne Adkins, Case Officer, USCG/NPFC
Alex Conte, State On-Scene Coordinator, Georgia Environmental Protection Division