U.S. EPA Cites Developer for Alleged Stormwater Violations

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<u>U.S. EPA Region 5 recently issued a complaint and final order</u> against Sharp Homes-Hunter's Ridge Development and Charles D. Sharp for failure to comply with federal stormwater rules. EPA alleges that the defendant (a Joliet, Illinois company) failed to prevent or minimize discharges, initiate stabilization measures, conduct inspections and maintain proper records.

According to EPA, "construction on more than five acres of land being developed for homes allegedly caused discharges of storm water through sewers, surface runoff and discharge pipes to Aux Sable Creek, a tributary to the Illinois River. Procedures for erosion control, as required by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, were not followed."

A penalty of \$15,000 has been assessed.

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