
DEQ Announces Penalties Totaling \$929,993 in August 2013

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality announces 13 penalties totaling \$929,993 for August 2013.

(Note to editors and reporters: *These civil penalty actions reflect alleged violations of state and/or federal laws designed to protect human health and the environment. The parties listed have the option to appeal the assessed penalty. Penalties are for violations of permits or prohibited activities affecting air or water quality, or the safe handling and disposal of hazardous or solid wastes. Penalty amounts vary depending on a variety of factors. These include magnitude of the violation, response of the penalized party to correct the violation, and whether there had been other violations in the past. Oregon law requires that, with minor exceptions, DEQ penalties are deposited directly into the state's General Fund. DEQ enforces both state laws and some federal laws delegated to the state by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.*)

Penalties Announced By DEQ During August 2013
(updated 9/12/13)

Date Penalty Delivered	Responsible Party and Approximate Location of Violation	Violation(s)	Assessed Penalty Amount	Case Status
Aug. 1	Recology Oregon Compost Inc. North Plains (Washington County)	Violating solid waste disposal site permit for composting operation at 9570 NW 307 th Ave. by operating a leachate (waste) treatment system that did not meet DEQ system plans (system contained a leachate storage tank not included in plans)	\$5,600	Paid 8/15/13
Aug. 1	Government Camp Sanitary District Government Camp (Clackamas County)	Violating wastewater discharge permit for sewage treatment plant at 85200 E. Highway 26 by exceeding permit limits for discharge of carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids in March 2013	\$3,750	Did not appeal by 8/21/13 deadline; full penalty amount due
Aug. 2	City of Troutdale Troutdale (Multnomah County)	Violating state water quality rules for bacteria by discharging 100,000 to 150,000 gallons of raw sewage from its Beaver Creek pump station on June 23, 2013	\$3,900	Paid 8/29/13
Aug. 2	Johnson Rock Products Inc. Coos Bay (Coos County)	Polluting state waters by allowing soil to discharge into Coalbank Slough during work on construction site at 63424 Juniper Drive on April 3, 2012 (\$24,351 penalty); polluting state waters by allowing soil to discharge from above-listed site to Coalbank Slough on Dec. 20, 2012 and May 22, 2013 (\$50,000 penalty); violating state water quality standards by allowing discharge of fill material into Coalbank Slough on April 3, 2012 (\$9,600 penalty)	\$83,951 (total)	Originally appealed 9/19/12; penalty amended 7/31/13
Aug. 5	Green Home Construction Inc. The Dalles (Wasco County)	Performing an asbestos abatement project (insulation improvement project at apartment complex at 712-714 Garrison St. in May 2013) without a DEQ license	\$3,600	Appealed 8/19/13
Aug. 7	Eastern Oregon University La Grande (Union County)	Violating general air contaminant discharge permit for university facility's boilers at 1 University Boulevard by failing to submit 2012 annual emission report to DEQ by Feb. 15, 2013	\$1,425	Did not appeal by 8/27/13 deadline; full penalty amount due

Aug. 7	City of Elgin Elgin (Union County)	Violating wastewater discharge permit on 507 different days from January 2011 through May 2013 by failing to conduct required chlorine residual monitoring during effluent discharges to Grande Ronde River	\$13,000	Appealed 8/12/13
Aug. 14	Kinzua Resources LLC, et al Pilot Rock (Umatilla County)	Violating Oregon law by failing to close Pilot Rock Sawmill Wood Waste Landfill on NW Cedar Street after ceasing operations in July 2011 (\$559,057 penalty); violating final DEQ order issued in 2011 by failing to secure financial assurance for closure and post-closure maintenance of landfill in a manner satisfactory to DEQ (\$223,805 penalty); failing to notify DEQ of surface fires at above-listed landfill on July 2, 2011 and May 15, 2013 or immediately thereafter, in violation of landfill operations plan and solid waste disposal site permit (\$7,200 penalty)	\$790,062 (total)	Appealed 8/22/13
Aug. 16	Grant Associates Inc. Portland (Multnomah County)	Performing underground storage tank services at 2510 SE 33 rd Place in April 2013 without a license	\$2,500	Paid 9/4/13
Aug. 16	City of Gold Hill Gold Hill (Jackson County)	Violating wastewater discharge permit for municipal wastewater treatment plant at 2177 Second Ave. by failing to conduct weekly <i>E. coli</i> bacteria monitoring as required during week of March 13, 2013	\$1,111	Did not appeal by 9/5/13 deadline; full penalty amount due
Aug. 20	Paul Bertrem Scharf Scappoose (Columbia County)	Violating stormwater discharge permit for construction activities at 52695 Eastview Drive in March 2013 by failing to implement erosion and sediment control plan for project and correct land management practices not followed in the plan	\$6,300	Appealed 8/29/13

Aug. 22	American Bridge Manufacturing Co. Reedsport (Douglas County)	Illegally treating hazardous waste (waste paint, spent non-halogenated solvent and crushed fluorescent light tubes produced at manufacturing facility at 135 American Bridge Way) without a permit (\$8,744 penalty); disposing of above-listed hazardous waste at an unpermitted site (its manufacturing facility) (\$2,750 penalty)	\$11,494 (total)	Appealed 9/9/13
Aug. 24	HNS Inc. La Grande (Union County)	Violating air contaminant discharge permit for rock crushing facility at 63830 Industrial Lane by failing to timely submit to DEQ its annual report describing pollutant emission and other information	\$3,300	Appealed 9/12/13