

ADVICE TO RECIPIENTS OF NOTICES OF VIOLATION*

Read the Notice of Violation: It tells you:

- what activity you have conducted or what condition on your property is causing or may result in damage to the environment;
- the environmental laws you are not complying with;
- in some cases, what action you need to take to address the environmental problem;
- how quickly the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) expects you to take action; and
- who to contact if you have a question or problem.

Do Not Cause Additional Problems: Make sure that you do not engage in activity that might result in further environmental harm.

Follow the Deadlines: If you can't meet the deadlines provided in the Notice of Violation, call the contact person. Explain why you can't meet the deadline. Staff will explore with you the feasibility of alternate deadlines.

Cooperate with DEEP: Generally, DEEP's first attempt to resolve the types of violations alleged in this case is through the issuance of a Notice of Violation. If you disregard this notice, it will be assumed you do not wish to cooperate and you should expect that DEEP will take more formal enforcement action. This can include issuing an administrative order, and/or filing suit to obtain an injunction and penalties as provided by law. The most important thing to remember is to call DEEP if you have any questions.

Call if you don't Understand: DEEP staff name and telephone number are given at the end of the Notice of Violation. Staff are there to try to answer your questions and work with you to resolve the environmental compliance issue. In some cases you may need to obtain the services of a professional consultant to plan and implement effective corrective measures. DEEP staff can discuss with you the kind of professional help you may need to address the alleged violation cited in the notice.

* The Notice of Violation does not necessarily specify all environmental violations which may exist at your property regulated by the Department. Nothing in the Notice relieves you of other obligations under applicable federal, state and local law.