The Department issues Notices of Infraction to assess fines for violations of the District of Columbia’s environmental laws. Between October 1, 2013, and September 30, 2014, the Department issued 219 Notices of Infraction to enforce the laws that protect the District's land, air, water, and human health.

**Air Quality** – Motor vehicles are the largest source of emissions in the District. To reduce this pollution source, the Department enforces a law to limit engine idling to three minutes for motor vehicles that are parked, stopped, or standing. The Department also enforces a law that protects people from exposure to harmful asbestos.

**Watershed Protection** – Runoff from construction sites can pollute local creeks and the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. The Department enforces a law that requires construction site erosion control to reduce pollution of the District’s waterways and the Chesapeake Bay.

**Stormwater Management** – The Department fines businesses that fail to charge a $.05 fee for each disposable carryout bag in violation of the District’s bag law. This law reduces plastic bag pollution the District’s creeks and rivers.

**Underground Storage Tanks** – To protect people and the environment from exposure to petroleum and other hazardous materials, the Department enforces a law regulating underground storage tanks and systems in the District.

**Hazardous Waste** – The Department fines commercial businesses as well as federal, State, and local government facilities that fail to properly generate, transport, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste.

**Water Quality** – To protect the District’s creeks, rivers, and groundwater, the Department fines violators who discharged pollutants to the waters of the District without a permit.