The Department of Energy and Environment issues Notices of Infraction to assess fines for violations of the District of Columbia’s environmental laws. Between October 1, 2016, and September 30, 2017, the Department issued 357 Notices of Infraction to enforce the laws that protect the District’s land, air, water, and human health.

**Air Quality**—DOEE enforces air pollution control laws and laws that protect residents from exposure to harmful asbestos. It also enforces a law to limit commercial vehicle engine idling to three minutes for motor vehicles that are parked, stopped, or standing.

**Energy Benchmarking**—DOEE tracks the energy usage by a building compared to similar buildings nationwide. The Department enforces against buildings that fail to report their energy performance.

**Fisheries and Wildlife**—Beekeeping is legal in the District. DOEE enforces laws that require beekeepers to register their colonies and obtain appropriate permits.

**Hazardous Waste**—DOEE 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.

**Lead Paint**—DOEE enforces compliance with lead paint laws by owners and managers of buildings built before 1978. It inspects homes of all children identified with elevated blood lead levels, foster homes and child care facilities, and conducts inspections of complaints for lead hazards or unsafe work practices.

**Pesticides**—DOEE fines violators of regulations governing the registration, sale, distribution, use, and disposal of pesticide products and devices.

**Products and Packaging**—DOEE enforces laws that ban coal tar ban and polystyrene food service products, and imposes a five-cent fee for each disposable paper or plastic carryout bag. These laws reduce the amount of trash and pollutants in the District’s creeks and rivers.

**Underground Storage Tanks**—DOEE enforces laws regulating underground storage tanks and systems to protect people and the environment from exposure to petroleum and other hazardous materials.

**Water Quality**—DOEE enforces regulations prohibiting the discharge of pollutants to District waterways. Inspectors monitor construction sites for compliance with sediment and erosion control measures and inspect industrial facilities for compliance.