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Retail Environmental Enforcement Summary July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016



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The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) enforces the state's environmental laws.



5 actions taken against retailers

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The types of retail stores facing enforcement.



Department store 1



Grocery store 3



Lumber and building material store 1

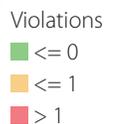
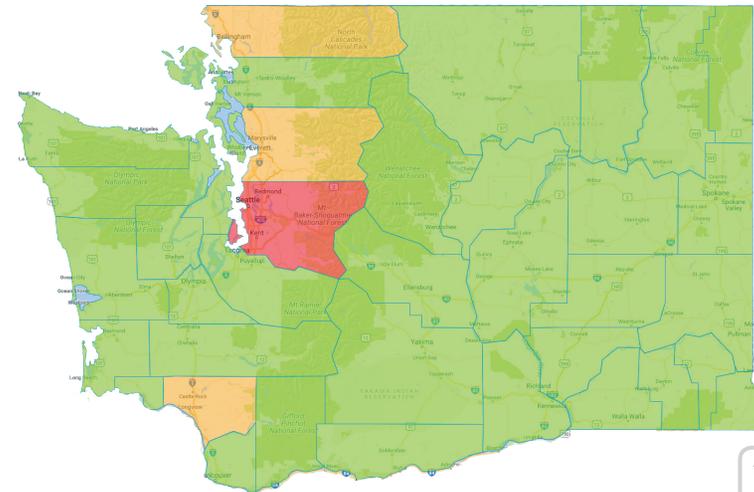
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There were no fines levied against retailers from July through December 2016.

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Enforcement by county

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HIGHLIGHTS

Between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, the Washington State Department of Ecology issued one enforcement action to a grocery store, and conducted four inspections at other retail facilities, including grocery stores, a department store, and a lumber and building material store.

There were no fines issued to retailers, however, one grocery store was issued actions to comply because of wastewater violations.



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ENFORCEMENT DETAIL

Enforcement Area	Store type	Enforcement Type	Enforcement Summary	County	Fine (\$) and actions to comply
Wastewater. One grocery store had violations that concerned permit limit violations.					
Wastewater	Grocery store	Administrative order ¹	<p>The retailer submitted discharge monitoring reports with 39 permit limit violations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 counts of pH violations • 13 counts of biochemical oxygen demand violations • 5 counts of flow violations • 1 count of total suspended solids violations 	Whatcom	<p>The retailer was required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit an engineering report to Ecology within 90 days, detailing a plan on how the retailer will bring its wastewater into compliance within a permit-specified pH range. • Be in full compliance of pH limits within 180 days.
Hazardous waste. Inspections covered a department store, lumber and building material store, and two grocery stores. Inspectors found violations related to waste manifests, container labeling, and spill procedures.					
Hazardous waste	Grocery store	Compliance inspection ¹	<p>Illegally offered a dangerous waste to a transporter or to a dangerous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility that did not have an EPA/state ID# or whose EPA/state ID# had been cancelled or withdrawn.</p> <p>In addition, there was a failure to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use all dangerous waste numbers assignable to the waste from dangerous waste lists when reporting on dangerous waste. • Prepare Dangerous Waste Manifests. • Label containers with dangerous or hazardous waste. • Keep inspection log or summary that includes date and time of inspection, notation of observations made, account of spills or discharges, and date and nature of any repairs or remedial actions taken. • Provide a program of classroom instruction or on-the-job training for facility workers. • Maintain a contingency plan. • Complete weekly inspections and logs of waste containers. • Conform to standards of incompatible waste storage. 	King	None.



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Hazardous waste	Grocery store	Compliance inspection	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a copy of each manifest signed by initial transporter. 	King	None.
	Department store	Compliance inspection	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properly label or mark universal waste. • Manage universal waste lamps in a way that prevents releases of any universal waste or component to the environment. 	Snohomish	None.
	Lumber and building material store	Compliance inspection	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take appropriate immediate action after spill or non-permitted discharge. • Ensure that all employees are familiar with proper waste handling and emergency procedures relevant to their responsibilities during normal facility operations and emergencies. • Manage universal waste lamps in a way that prevents releases of any universal waste or component to the environment. 	Cowlitz	None.

¹ See Glossary for details



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GLOSSARY

Administrative order — a document ordered by Washington State Department of Ecology that requires compliance actions by the violating party.

Compliance inspection — an assessment of the entity completed by Washington State Department of Ecology agents to ensure the safety of facilities handling dangerous wastes.

Documents concerning state enforcement actions on retail entities are obtained by contacting the state's environmental regulatory agency directly by email and by phone, submitting Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, or using online document databases. The search is refined using retail-specific criteria, such as titles and address locations of the entities, Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) or North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes and descriptions. Enforcement actions involving non-retailers are excluded from the data analysis and summaries.

Retail-specific state enforcement documents and data are analyzed to determine trends including: the most frequent violations, what the most common media types violations are (such as air, petroleum contamination, waste, or water), and where the retailers who were issued enforcement actions are located. Data is collected and trends are analyzed on a biannual basis.