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



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The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) enforces the state's environmental laws.



123

Enforcement actions were issued to retailers.

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\$2,500

Total fines issued to retailers.

HIGHLIGHTS

Between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, 123 enforcement actions filed by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) were issued to retail¹ facilities. These included automotive stores, gas stations, a hardware store, motor vehicle dealers, pharmacies, and a department store. Connecticut does not make inspection reports publicly available.

Fines ranged from \$500 to \$1,000, in addition to actions required to bring the entities into compliance.

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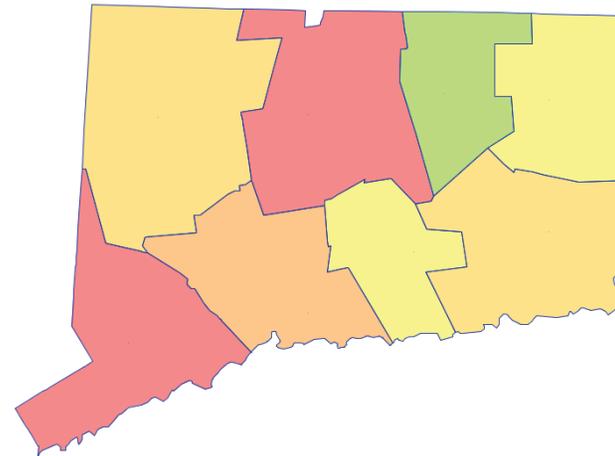
The types of retail stores facing enforcement.

 Automotive stores	15	 Hardware store	1
 Department store	1	 Motor vehicle dealers	2
 Gas stations	82	 Pharmacies	7

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Enforcement by county

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Violations

	<= 3
	<= 6
	<= 9
	> 23



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ENFORCEMENT DETAIL

Enforcement Area	Store type	Enforcement Type	Violation	County	Number of Facilities	Fine (\$) and actions to comply
Air. Violations covered automotive stores, gas stations, and a motor vehicle dealer. Violations included failure to decommission a Stage II vapor recovery system, failure to conduct a Stage I test, and failure to conduct pressure vacuum vent valve, pressure decay, and vapor space tie-in tests.						
Air	Automotive stores	Consent order ¹ Notices of Violation (NOVs) ¹	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a Stage I test • Decommission a Stage II vapor recovery system • Provide records • Perform annual pressure vacuum vent valve, pressure decay, and vapor space tie-in tests 	Fairfield Hartford New London	3 1 1	None
	Gas stations	Consent orders NOVs	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decommission the Stage II vapor recovery system • Perform annual pressure vacuum vent valve, pressure decay, Stage I, and vapor space tie-in tests 	Fairfield Hartford New Haven New London Tolland	3 3 3 1 1	\$1,000 fine for two retailers
	Motor vehicle dealer	NOV	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decommission a Stage II vapor recovery system 	Hartford	1	None
Hazardous waste. Violations covered automotive stores, a department store, gas stations, and pharmacies. The DEEP did not provide specific violation information.						
Hazardous waste	Automotive stores	NOVs	Not available	Hartford New Haven	1 1	None
	Department store	NOV	Not available	Fairfield	1	None
	Gas stations	NOV	Not available	New Haven	2	None
	Pharmacies	NOVs	Not available	Fairfield Hartford Litchfield Middlesex New London	2 1 1 2 1	None



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Solid waste. Violations covered an automotive store. The DEEP did not provide specific violation information.						
Solid waste	Automotive store	NOV	Not available	New Haven	1	None
Underground storage tanks (UST). Violations covered automotive stores, gas stations, a hardware store, and a motor vehicle dealer. Violations included failure to submit the annual UST facility notification and/or the annual UST facility fees, failure to perform inspections, and failure to demonstrate financial responsibility.						
UST	Automotive stores	NOVs Warning letter ¹ Red tag order ¹	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine that a tank was temporarily closed, that it contained more than 1 inch of liquid, and that it did not meet release detection requirements Have required financial responsibility Submit a registration form Submit changes in UST notification information Submit the annual UST facility notification and/or the annual UST facility fees Additionally: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One retailer had significant operational compliance (SOC) violations 	Fairfield Hartford Litchfield New Haven	2 2 2 1	Retailers were required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retrain and recertify Class A, Class B, or Class C operators
	Gas stations	Consent order NOVs Red tag orders Warning letters	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate financial responsibility Maintain spill containment device Maintain testing records Meet release detection requirements Meter and record product dispensing Pay the UST system installation fee Perform inspections Provide release detection documentation Provide testing records Record inventory volume measurements Replace, repair, or clean spill containment device Submit changes in UST notification information Test equipment Submit the annual UST facility notification and/or the annual UST facility fees 	Fairfield Hartford Litchfield Middlesex New Haven New London Tolland Windham	14 17 6 4 14 6 2 6	\$500 fine for one retailer. In addition, retailers were required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate to determine if a release had occurred Retrain and recertify Class A, Class B, or Class C operators



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UST	Hardware store	NOV	Failure to: • Submit the annual UST facility notification and/or the annual UST facility fees	Fairfield	1	None
	Motor vehicle dealer	NOV	Failure to: • Submit the annual UST facility notification and/or the annual UST facility fees	New Haven	1	None

¹ See Glossary for details



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GLOSSARY

Consent order — an agreement between the DEEP and the violating entity meant to resolve disciplinary proceedings.

Notice of violation — a written statement issued to violating entity stating alleged violations of environmental regulations.

Red tag order — a written document given when an entity has one or more of the following violations: a release from a UST; a design, construction, or installation not in accordance with state regulations; or a failure to have or operate proper leak detection, overfill, or spill protection measures. When a red tag order is given, the DEEP will require the system to be disabled and the content of the tank be emptied until the violations are corrected.

Retail — stores that sell goods or services to customers, typically in small quantities, for consumption or use. Retail stores can include: automotive parts and new/used tire sales, convenience stores, gas stations, distribution centers, dry cleaners, pharmacies, rental stores, sports/hunting goods stores, and variety stores.

Warning letter — the first written communication to the entity stating possible violations. The document allows the violating entity the opportunity to rectify the violation with no formal disciplinary proceeding.

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. Note that some retailers received more than one enforcement action across one or more enforcement areas.