



# ILLINOIS

## Retail Environmental Enforcement Summary

January 1, 2017 - June 30, 2017



The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) enforces the state's environmental laws



**13** Enforcement actions were issued to retailers

The types of retail stores facing enforcement.



**Automotive Store 4**



**Gas Station 2**



**Dry Cleaners 6**



**Grocery Stores 1**



**\$0**

Total fines issued to retailers

**63% ↑**

Enforcement action increase in 2017

## HIGHLIGHTS

Between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017, 13 enforcement actions filed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) were issued to retail establishments. This was an increase from the 8 enforcement actions issued from July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.

Retailers that received enforcement actions consisted mainly of automotive stores, dry cleaners, and gas stations.

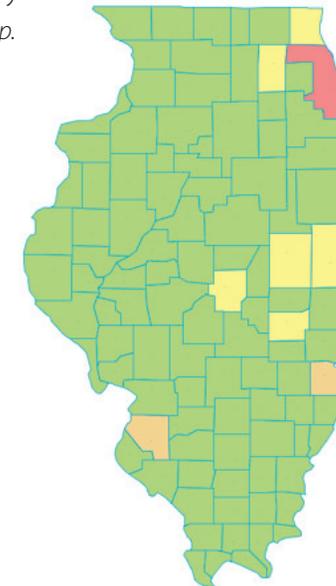
Retailers received enforcement actions for air, hazardous waste, and UST regulation noncompliance.

There were no fines issued during this period, which was a contrast to the \$26,700 in fines issued between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016.

Illinois does not make inspection reports publicly available.

Enforcement by county

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Violations

- ≤ 0
- ≤ 1
- ≤ 2
- > 2



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### ENFORCEMENT DETAIL

Enforcement Area	Store type	Enforcement Type	Violation	County	Number of Stores	Fine (\$) and actions to comply
<b>Air.</b> Violations covered dry cleaners. Violations included failure to submit an Annual Emissions Report (AER).						
Air	Dry cleaners	Violation Notices	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit an Annual Emissions Report (AER)</li> </ul>	Champaign Coles Cook Kane St. Clair	1 1 2 1 1	Retailers were required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit a complete AER</li> </ul>
<b>Hazardous waste.</b> Violations covered automotive stores. Violations included failure to: conduct waste determinations, inspect hazardous waste containers weekly, and properly label containers.						
Hazardous waste	Automotive stores	Violation Notices	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close containers of hazardous waste</li> <li>• Conduct waste determinations</li> <li>• Ensure delivery of hazardous waste to a permitted facility</li> <li>• Ensure waste is hauled from the site by a permitted hauler</li> <li>• Identify hazardous wastes</li> <li>• Inspect hazardous waste containers weekly</li> <li>• Keep used or waste tires from accumulating water</li> <li>• Post emergency information next to telephones</li> <li>• Properly label containers</li> <li>• Properly store waste</li> <li>• Qualify for an exemption from RCRA permitting</li> <li>• Refrain from open burning and open dumping</li> <li>• Refrain from open dumping waste oil</li> <li>• Legally dispose of waste with a proper permit</li> </ul>	Crawford St. Clair Vermilion	2 1 1	Retailers were required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capture and contain all hazardous wastes</li> <li>• Cease all open burning and open dumping</li> <li>• Close and properly label hazardous waste containers</li> <li>• Conduct waste determinations</li> <li>• Contact disposal facility concerning procedures for accepting contaminated soil</li> <li>• Dispose of all wastes properly</li> <li>• Deliver hazardous wastes to a permitted facility</li> <li>• Inspect hazardous waste accumulation areas weekly</li> <li>• Post emergency information next to telephones</li> <li>• Remove all used oil to a recycling facility</li> <li>• Remove all waste using a permitted waste hauler</li> <li>• Remove all waste or used tires to a tire storage facility or tire disposal facility</li> <li>• Remove contaminated soil</li> <li>• Submit a completed manifest documenting proper waste disposal</li> <li>• Submit waste determination documentation</li> </ul>



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<b>Underground storage tanks (USTs).</b> Violations covered gas stations and a grocery store. Violations included failure to: comply with requirements pertaining to release response, conduct corrective action, perform proper abatement measures for a release.						
UST	Gas stations	Violation Notices	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemble information about the release while completing the initial abatement measures</li> <li>Comply with requirements pertaining to release response</li> <li>Conduct corrective action</li> <li>Identify and mitigate fire, explosion, and vapor hazards</li> <li>Inspect, investigate, and monitor the release</li> <li>Investigate and/or remediate potential causes of water pollution</li> <li>Perform proper abatement measures for a release</li> <li>Submit a 45 Day Report</li> <li>Submit a report for initial abatement steps taken</li> <li>Take immediate action to prevent further release</li> </ul>	Cook Lake	1	Retailers were required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit a complete 45 Day Report for the release</li> <li>Submit a complete 20 Day Report of the initial response actions and abatement measures taken</li> </ul>
	Grocery store	Violation Notice	Failure to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemble information about the release while completing the initial abatement measures</li> <li>Conduct corrective action</li> <li>Investigate and/or remediate potential causes of water pollution</li> <li>Submit a 45 Day Report</li> </ul>	Macon	1	The retailer was required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit a complete 45 Day Report for the release</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> See Glossary for details



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## GLOSSARY

**Consent Order** — a document that is a voluntary agreement created between two or more parties to a dispute. It generally has the same effect as a court order and can be enforced by the court if anyone does not comply with the orders.

**Violation Notice** — a document used to notify the recipient of an alleged violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Act), any rule adopted under the Act, a permit granted by the Agency, or a condition of such a permit.

**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.

*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.*