



Most Common Violations Detected at Schools

There are over 3,600 public and nonpublic schools in New Jersey. School Administrators are charged with educating our children in a safe and healthy environment. In order to provide New Jersey's schools with compliance assistance on environmental issues, the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Compliance and Enforcement has identified the following nine (9) most frequently encountered environmental compliance issues found when inspecting schools:

1. Illegal idling of school buses;
2. Unregistered underground storage tanks;
3. Lack of/or expired permits for regulated boilers and emergency generators;
4. Improper management of chemicals in school laboratories;
5. Lack of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program or improper implementation of the IPM program;
6. Improper management of "Recyclables";
7. Improper management of septic systems and/or lack of/expired permit (if required);
8. Violation of land use regulations; and
9. Failure to comply with the Safe Drinking Water requirements, including the posting of Consumer Confidence Report.

Who should I contact with questions?

You may contact Farouk Afrasiabi (School Facilities Coordinator) at:

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The school coordinator will provide answers to questions and/or:

- Direct inquiries to the appropriate DEP program, and provide contact information;
- Provide compliance assistance materials if requested (Note: currently under construction);
- Arrange with DEP programs to conduct compliance assistance visits when requested; and
- Meet with school administrators/principals to discuss environmental concerns when requested.

Where can I get more information?

The following web sites can be accessed for additional information regarding this advisory:

NJDEP Home Page

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/>

EPA Home Page

<http://www.epa.gov/>

NJDEP Compliance and Enforcement

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/enforcement/>

NJDEP Solid and Hazardous Waste Rules-Regulations

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/resource/rules.htm>

Air Quality Permitting Program

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/aqpp/>

RCRA Online

<http://www.epa.gov/rcraonline/>

Small Quantity Generator Information

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/sqg/index.htm>

Information on recycling in New Jersey

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/>.

Underground Storage Tanks

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/bust/bust.htm>

Right to Know Hazardous Substances Fact Sheets

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/eoh/rtkweb/rtkhsfs.htm>

Land Use Compliance and Enforcement

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/lu.html>

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Underground Injection Systems including Different Types of Subsurface Disposal Such as Septic Systems

http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/ind_uic.htm

Division of Water Supply

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/safedrnk.htm>

Visit the following Web site for general information:

Contact NJDEP: <http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl>

To comment on this advisory:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/survey.html>

Please note this advisory is intended to be a summary explanation of a department initiative. It does not include all potentially applicable requirements. If you have any questions related to compliance with this initiative, please contact the Enforcement numbers listed above.