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# **Utah Department of Environmental Quality**

## **Division of Air Quality**

# **Fact Sheet**

## **Stericycle Settlement Agreement**

The Division of Air Quality (DAQ) and Stericycle have reached a Settlement Agreement for DAQ's 2013 Notice of Violation (NOV) alleging violations of Stericycle's Title V Operating Permit. This Agreement stipulates that Stericycle will pay a total penalty of \$2.3 million dollars and move its North Salt Lake facility to Tooele County within three years of receipt of the necessary construction permits. The Agreement requires Board approval before becoming final.

### **Background**

In May 2013, DAQ issued an NOV to Stericycle for violations occurring between 2011 and 2013. These violations included:

- Emissions exceeding the permit limits for dioxin and furan
- Emissions exceeding the permit limits for nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) on multiple occasions
- Failure to report these emission exceedances to DAQ in a requisite time frame
- Failure to maintain normal operating conditions during a stack test
- Failure to include the test results demonstrating these emission exceedances in the requisite annual and semi-annual monitoring reports

In August 2013, DAQ amended the NOV to explicitly cover each day of the NO<sub>x</sub> violations. Stericycle was able to demonstrate compliance with emission limits in April 2013 and has subsequently upgraded its air pollution control equipment to meet stricter federal standards for medical waste incinerators. These upgrades include:

- Installation of a selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) unit to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions
- Replacement of an electrostatic precipitator with a baghouse
- Replacement of existing emergency diesel generator with a new generator that can better handle loss of power and minimize bypass events



## Settlement Agreement

Settlement discussions have been ongoing between DAQ and Stericycle since the NOV was originally issued. DEQ and Stericycle reached a Settlement Agreement on November 25, 2014. The terms of the agreement are as follows:

- Stericycle shall pay a total stipulated penalty of \$2,322,536.00.
  - The company shall pay half of this penalty (\$1,161,268.00) to the state's General Fund within 30 days.
  - The remaining half of the penalty shall be credited as a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) when Stericycle permanently ceases operations at its current North Salt Lake location.
- Stericycle shall relocate its medical waste incinerator to a new location in Tooele County no later than three years after the company receives the following documents:
  - final, non-appealable permits from DEQ
  - final, non-appealable permits from local governments
  - Governor's approval required under state statute
- Stericycle shall submit all permit applications necessary to relocate the facility within 90 days of a signed agreement.
  - Sixty days after Stericycle receives all Necessary Approvals to Construct, the company will provide a construction schedule to the Division of Air Quality (DAQ).
  - Every 90 days thereafter, Stericycle will provide DAQ with a report on construction progress.
- Within three years to the date that Stericycle obtains all Necessary Approvals to Construct, Stericycle's Title V Operating Permit (February 19, 2009) and its Title V renewal and Approval Order (August 12, 2014) will become null and void, and Stericycle will permanently shut down operations at its North Salt Lake facility.

The Agreement resolves all claims under the NOV. Nothing in the Agreement precludes DAQ from seeking penalties for violations of the Agreement or future violations of state or federal air pollution laws and regulations.

