

The file below includes penalties issued by the MPCA that became public information during the first half of 2020. We welcome your inquiries to localize these stories. For more details on a specific enforcement case, please contact Stephen Mikkelson, Information Officer: 218-316-3887 or 1-800-657-3864 toll free. In some instances, a separate news release may have been issued on the case. In those cases, the Company/Individual name will be a hyperlink to that release in the table below. Visit the MPCA Compliance and Enforcement web page to learn more.

Enforcement Case Summary -- January-June 2020

Public date	Case type	Company or individual(s) (location)	Violation location	Violation(s)	Net penalty amt.
4/23/2020	APO	Koda Energy LLC (Shakopee, MN)	Shakopee	Air Quality: Total Particulate Matter (TPM) emissions more than three times its permitted limit at the biomass conveyance area. Particulate Matter<10 (PM10, particles smaller than ten microns) emissions more than twice its permitted limit at truck unloading station. Particulate Matter<2.5 (PM2.5, particles smaller than 2.5 microns) emissions more than ten times its permitted limit at truck unloading station.	\$20,000
6/9/2020	STIP	Stargate, Inc. d/b/a/ B&H Petroleum Equipment Company (Mankato, MN)	Mankato	Underground Storage Tanks: B&H was hired by Freeborn County Cooperative Oil Company (FCCOC) to install E-85 compliant equipment at eight (8) gas stations. B&H did the work and invoiced FCCOC, but much of the equipment was not E-85 compliant. Equipment relates to dispenser meters and manifolds, submersible turbine pumps, suction pumps, and underground piping. Failed to install required overflow protection devices. MPCA suspended B&H's certification for the entire month of June 2020.	\$15,000
5/20/2020	APO	Metropolitan Council (Saint Paul, MN)	Minneapolis	Air Quality: No written record of spray booth filter inspections. Failed to record quarterly facility inspections. Failed to document corrective actions taken to address damaged booth filters. Failed to maintain an operation and maintenance plan onsite. Failed to install proper filters in exhaust ducts of a spray booth.	\$14,048
4/3/2020	APO	CMI Coating Group, Inc. (Saint Louis Park, MN)	Hugo	Air Quality: failing to regularly conduct daily visible emissions checks as required in its permit, from 2014-18; failing to operate parts of the facility within permitted pressure drop ranges, and did not correct the problem when told to do so; failing to conduct periodic inspections or maintain proper records; and failing to annually calibrate monitoring equipment.	\$12,100
6/29/2020	APO	KERRY INC. (Beloit, WI)	Rochester	Air Quality: Failing to record amount of natural gas combusted in a boiler and spray dryer. Operating a wet blend bag dump without also operating a required fabric filter. Installing and operating new equipment without notifying MPCA before installation and startup. Operated several fabric filters, wet scrubbers, and venturi scrubbers outside permitted air quality ranges.	\$11,350
4/9/2020	APO	Lakeside Foods, Inc. (Owatonna, MN)	Owatonna	Industrial Wastewater: Violations occurred at the company's facility in Owatonna, Minn. Violations included exceeding permitted wastewater discharge limits 16 times during 2017-19; allowing wastewater discharges to drain off property, into a ditch, and onto an adjacent property, and failing to notify the MPCA or State Duty Officer.	\$11,225
1/13/2020	APO	Spring Prairie Hutterite Colony (Hawley, MN)	Hawley	Solid Waste: Colony openly burned without a permit, including prohibited materials such as insulation, sheet rock, plastics, demolition debris, and trash. Colony is not a permitted solid waste management facility, they failed to satisfactorily collect and transport its solid waste to an authorized facility.	\$10,500
3/6/2020	APO	Cummins Power Generation (Fridley, MN)	Fridley	Air Quality: Company exceeded permitted air emissions limits several times in late 2017, at its facility in Fridley, Minn. Other violations included inadequate record keeping; a lack of an employee training program described in its Operations & Management Plan; and failing to properly document air quality control equipment inspection and maintenance records.	\$10,278
4/2/2020	APO	Cambria Company LLC (Le Sueur, MN)	Le Sueur	Air Quality: Violations occurred at the company's natural stone surface production facility in Le Sueur, Minn. Violations included failing to submit emissions testing plans and reports on time between 2014-18; submitting equipment certifications and evaluations late; failing to operate within permitted pressure drop limits; and allowing emissions control equipment to operate below required efficiency.	\$10,200
1/8/2020	APO	Lai Pham (Shakopee, MN)	Wadena	Emergency Management and Municipal Wastewater: Raw sewage was allowed to discharge beneath two mobile homes at the Wadena Motor Court Trailer Home Park. Park owner did not take action to recover and clean up the discharges, nor did they notify the State Duty Officer or the MPCA.	\$9,437
3/13/2020	APO	Marvin Lumber and Cedar Co (Warroad, MN)	Warroad	Air Quality: Several missed equipment inspections and certification reports, late performance stack testing, failure to properly track fuel type and usage in equipment operation, failure to notify MPCA prior to a construction project.	\$9,085
6/4/2020	APO	POET Biorefining - Glenville, LLC (Albert Lea, MN)	Albert Lea	Air Quality: An emissions performance test, in April 2019, showed carbon monoxide emissions of more than double its permitted limit. Incorrectly-installed equipment also caused pressure drop readings outside permitted limits throughout 2018, and first half of 2019.	\$8,535
3/5/2020	APO	Dale A Walsh (Osakis, MN)	Osakis	Underground Storage Tanks: Statutes require that prior to removing an underground petroleum storage tank, the product and vapors must be purged and made inert prior to removal. This was not properly done when removing a 6,000-gallon gasoline storage tank as part of the permanent closure of the former Mocks Auto Service in Montevideo.	\$7,600
5/21/2020	STIP	City of Karlstad (Karlstad, MN)	Karlstad	Municipal Wastewater: Failed to properly document and submit discharge monitoring reports, failed to properly sample pre-discharge and discharge parameters and a required Phosphorus Management Plan was submitted more than four years late.	\$7,000
6/23/2020	APO	Bunes Septic Service, Inc. (Grand Rapids, MN)	Grand Rapids	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems: Improper land application of sewage. Failed to report required information to homeowners after servicing and pumping septic systems.	\$6,800
1/7/2020	APO	Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management (Alexandria, MN)	Alexandria	Air Quality: Performance tests show one of the facility's solid waste incinerators was emitting pollutants at 66% higher rate than their permit allows. This occurred for a period of two months in early 2019.	\$6,435
6/4/2020	APO	USG Interiors LLC (Cloquet, MN)	Cloquet	Air Quality: A performance test for particulate matter emissions, in late 2019, showed that emissions were more than twice their permitted limit.	\$6,253
3/11/2020	APO	Heartland Corn Products (Winthrop, MN)	Winthrop	Industrial Stormwater: Exceeded industrial wastewater discharge limits for 12 pollution parameters from March-October 2019.	\$6,120
1/16/2020	APO	MN Dept of Transportation (Saint Paul, MN)	Greenwald	Construction Stormwater: As part of a construction project in Stearns County, the Stormwater Pollution Protection Plan (SWPPP) did not identify redundant sediment controls, which are required when working within 50 feet of a surface water. Also failed to properly inspect sediment and erosion controls following rain events.	\$6,100
2/27/2020	APO	Ceramic Industrial Coatings (Osseo, MN)	Osseo	Air Quality: Installed and operated equipment without applying for required amendment to their air quality permit, and receiving MPCA approval.	\$5,955
3/12/2020	APO	Bay State Milling Co (Quincy, MA)	Winona	Air Quality: Failed to check exhaust stack for visible emissions daily, failed to properly install monitoring equipment, complete inspections and maintain records, or properly maintain pressure drop readings.	\$5,815
4/23/2020	APO	Irene T. Schneider Trust (Watkins, MN)	Kimball	Construction Stormwater and Solid Waste: Drained sediment-laden water into a nearby Type 2 wetland, conducted a construction project without required permit, failed to install proper sediment and erosion controls during construction, no inspections conducted, and improper disposal of municipal solid waste.	\$5,750
4/23/2020	APO	Brian Herberg (Cold Spring, MN)	Kimball	Construction Stormwater: Drained sediment-laden water into a nearby Type 2 wetland, conducted a construction project without required permit, failed to install proper sediment and erosion controls during construction, no inspections conducted.	\$5,250
3/18/2020	APO	Twin City Container Inc (Hastings, MN)	Hastings	Air Quality: Failed to maintain equipment inspection and calibration records, failed to conduct required inspections, failed to track and record VOC-containing materials used.	\$5,145

6/24/2020	APO	Koda Energy LLC (Shakopee, MN)	Shakopee	Air Quality: In March of 2018, company failed an emissions performance retest on a biomass conveyance. Test showed emissions of very small particulates at a rate 480% over permitted limit.	\$5,100
2/6/2020	APO	Birds Eye Foods LLC (Waseca, MN)	Waseca	Industrial Wastewater: Seven unauthorized industrial wastewater releases between August 2014 and August 2017. Failed to collect and document required samples, failed to regularly conduct required stormwater management training for staff, failed to conduct required facility inspections.	\$5,064
3/6/2020	APO	City of Northfield (Northfield, MN)	Northfield	Municipal Wastewater: An unauthorized release of 5,500 gallons of wastewater from the sludge storage tank at the city's wastewater treatment plant to a storm sewer that drains to the Cannon River. The release was caused by operator error when Facility staff left the flow from the clarifier to the scum tank in continuous mode after cleaning the clarifier.	\$5,040
3/26/2020	APO	Saint Paul Brass Foundry Co (Saint Paul, MN)	Saint Paul	Air Quality	\$4,800
5/7/2020	APO	SUPERVALU INC. (Eden Prairie, MN)	Eleven locations	Air Quality	\$4,696
2/19/2020	APO	Clean Site LLC (Montevideo, MN)	Montevideo	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems	\$4,275
1/16/2020	APO	Eastside Storage - Alexandria LLC (Keystone, SD)	Alexandria Township	Construction Stormwater	\$4,200
6/24/2020	APO	Minnesota Corrugated Box, Inc. (Conyers, GA)	Albert Lea	Air Quality	\$3,820
3/17/2020	APO	Johnson Materials, Inc. (Clearwater, MN)	Clearwater	Industrial Stormwater	\$3,375
3/4/2020	APO	Strata Corp (Grand Forks, ND)	Dilworth	Solid Waste	\$3,186
2/14/2020	APO	Michael Foods Inc (Minnetonka, MN)	Gaylord	Construction Stormwater	\$3,180
6/12/2020	APO	Miller Enterprises of Waseca (Waseca, MN)	Waseca	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems	\$3,170
1/16/2020	APO	Mark Lee Excavating (Alexandria, MN)	Alexandria Township	Construction Stormwater	\$3,150
3/26/2020	APO	Minn-Dak Asphalt Inc (Thief River Falls, MN)	Thief River Falls	Industrial Wastewater	\$3,137
3/12/2020	APO	Norsemen Motorcycle Club (Monticello, MN)	Wagner Township	Construction Stormwater	\$3,000
6/2/2020	APO	Northern Property LLC (Shafer, MN)	Lindstrom	Construction Stormwater	\$2,830
1/31/2020	APO	Maschler Septic Consultants (Brainerd, MN)	Brainerd	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems	\$2,600
1/10/2020	APO	Archon Woodworks Inc (Wood Lake, MN)	Wood Lake	Air Quality	\$2,550
1/14/2020	APO	M&J Construction Co - Nonmetallic (Newfolden, MN)	Newfolden	Air Quality	\$2,550
1/16/2020	APO	Central Specialties, Inc (Alexandria, MN)	Greenwald	Construction Stormwater	\$2,500
4/28/2020	APO	Roger Kriese (Mendota Heights, MN)	Mendota Heights	Solid Waste	\$2,500
2/20/2020	APO	Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (Rochester, MN)	Mora	Air Quality	\$2,300
2/6/2020	APO	Mark Johnson (Elgin, MN)	Rochester	Solid Waste	\$2,300
1/10/2020	APO	Rajala Mill Co (Bigfork, MN)	Bigfork	Air Quality	\$2,150
3/17/2020	APO	Marshall Concrete Products Inc (Minneapolis, MN)	Minneapolis	Industrial Wastewater	\$2,079
1/30/2020	APO	Mercy Hospital - Unity Campus (Fridley, MN)	Fridley	Air Quality	\$1,950
3/24/2020	APO	Aggregate Industries (Eagan, MN)	Glyndon	Industrial Wastewater	\$1,800
1/28/2020	STIP	City of La Crescent (La Crescent, MN)	La Crescent	Municipal Stormwater	\$1,650
1/13/2020	APO	Auto Body Center (Rochester, MN)	Rochester	Air Quality	\$1,563
1/10/2020	APO	ERP Iron Ore LLC - Plant 4 (Virginia, MN)	Grand Rapids	Air Quality	\$1,550
5/27/2020	APO	City of Saint Louis Park (Saint Louis Park, MN)	Saint Louis Park	Industrial Wastewater	\$1,512
2/12/2020	APO	Park Rapids Aviation Paint Facility (Park Rapids, MN)	Park Rapids	Air Quality	\$1,400
3/5/2020	APO	DS Manufacturing Inc (Pine Island, MN)	Pine Island	Hazardous Waste	\$1,350
1/10/2020	APO	Ogston's Body & Paint (Duluth, MN)	Duluth	Air Quality	\$1,350
1/16/2020	APO	Element Fleet Corp (Eden Prairie, MN)	Eden Prairie	Air Quality	\$1,350
1/15/2020	APO	Oronoco Auto Parts Inc (Oronoco, MN)	Oronoco	Air Quality	\$1,350
1/3/2020	APO	Cedar Creek CPA, CMA (Aitkin, MN)	Aitkin	Air Quality	\$1,350
1/10/2020	APO	Northeast Technical Services Inc (Virginia, MN)	Grand Rapids	Air Quality	\$1,350
1/24/2020	APO	Winchester Interconnect Hermetics LLC (Fridley, MN)	Fridley	Industrial Wastewater	\$1,250
5/14/2020	APO	Amanda Swartzentruber (Canton, MN); Eli J. Swartzentruber (Canton, MN)	Canton	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems	\$1,000
3/4/2020	APO	Lakehead Trucking, Inc. (Duluth, MN)	Duluth	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems	\$810
5/22/2020	APO	Robert Thompson (Mabel, MN)	Chatfield	Solid Waste	\$800
3/17/2020	APO	Carstens Industries Inc (Melrose, MN)	Melrose	Air Quality	\$770
2/19/2020	APO	Darrel Frauendienst d/b/a Gaylord Sanitation Roll Off (Gaylord, MN)	Gaylord	Construction Stormwater	\$750
6/4/2020	APO	Gerald Hohlen d/b/a Hohlen Excavating & Sewer (Bock, MN)	Bock	Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems	\$750
2/5/2020	APO	Hearth and Home Technologies Inc (Lake City, MN)	Lake City	Air Quality	\$690
1/15/2020	APO	Hunke Fuel Station LLC (Ottertail, MN)	Wadena	Construction Stormwater	\$150
2/19/2020	APO	TEAM Industries - Detroit Lakes (Detroit Lakes, MN)	Detroit Lakes	Industrial Wastewater	\$0
1/13/2020	APO	Paul Obermeyer (Wells, MN)	Walters	Feedlots	\$0
6/17/2020	APO	Auto Body Services Inc (Columbia Heights, MN)	Columbia Heights	Air Quality	\$0
1/24/2020	APO	Glencoe Light & Power Commission (Glencoe, MN)	Glencoe	Air Quality	\$0
6/24/2020	APO	Crysteel Truck Equipment Inc (Lake Crystal, MN)	Lake Crystal	Air Quality	\$0
6/10/2020	APO	Bremseth Body Shop Inc. (Wykoff, MN)	Wykoff	Air Quality	\$0
6/18/2020	APO	Austin Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram (Austin, MN)	Austin	Air Quality	\$0
6/24/2020	APO	B&B Adcrafters Inc (Minneapolis, MN)	Minneapolis	Air Quality	\$0
6/17/2020	APO	Alexandria Light & Power (Alexandria, MN)	Alexandria	Air Quality	\$0
6/24/2020	APO	Bighley Auto Body, Inc. (North Saint Paul, MN)	North Saint Paul	Air Quality	\$0
6/17/2020	APO	Autoworks Collision of Shakopee (Shakopee, MN)	Shakopee	Air Quality	\$0
2/5/2020	APO	Walker Sign Holdings Inc (Saint Paul, MN)	Saint Paul	Air Quality	\$0
1/22/2020	APO	Premier Surfaces, dba Princess Marble (Burnsville, MN)	Burnsville	Air Quality	\$0
4/3/2020	APO	Bongards' Creameries (Norwood Young America, MN)	Norwood Young America	Air Quality	\$0
5/5/2020	APO	MHF of Freeborn County, Inc. (Austin, MN)	Austin	Feedlots	\$0
4/30/2020	APO	Connor Stark (New Ulm, MN)	New Ulm	Feedlots	\$0
5/21/2020	APO	Patrick Duncanson (Mapleton, MN)	Mapleton	Feedlots	\$0
5/12/2020	APO	Guy Jeremiason (Minneota, MN)	Minneota	Feedlots	\$0
5/21/2020	APO	Alan Miller (Wells, MN)	Wells	Feedlots	\$0
5/8/2020	APO	Alan Noy (Vernon Center, MN)	Vernon Center	Feedlots	\$0
5/19/2020	APO	Robert Noy (Vernon Center, MN)	Vernon Center	Feedlots	\$0
5/7/2020	APO	David Reuter (Rose Creek, MN)	Rose Creek	Feedlots	\$0
4/30/2020	APO	L&L Pork Enterprises, Inc. (Hanska, MN)	Hanska	Feedlots	\$0
5/12/2020	APO	Neil Schlaak (New Richland, MN)	New Richland	Feedlots	\$0
4/30/2020	APO	Andrew Jeremiason (Minneota, MN)	Minneota	Feedlots	\$0
5/12/2020	APO	Schwieger Hogs, LLP (Fairmont, MN)	Fairmont	Feedlots	\$0
5/12/2020	APO	MHF of Freeborn County Inc. (Austin, MN)	Austin	Feedlots	\$0
5/7/2020	APO	Drossel Farm Inc. (Melrose, MN)	Melrose	Feedlots	\$0
5/21/2020	APO	Robert Leverington (Austin, MN)	Austin	Feedlots	\$0
5/21/2020	APO	Keith Johnson (Blooming Prairie, MN)	Ellendale	Feedlots	\$0

5/7/2020	APO	Ryan Donohue (Granada, MN)	Granada	Feedlots	\$0
5/8/2020	APO	Guy Jeremiason (Minneota, MN)	Minneota	Feedlots	\$0
5/21/2020	APO	Mark Koepp (Belle Plaine, MN)	Belle Plaine	Feedlots	\$0
5/21/2020	APO	Thomas Dressel (Faribault, MN)	Medford	Feedlots	\$0
5/12/2020	APO	Eric Dressel (Faribault, MN)	Kenyon	Feedlots	\$0
5/21/2020	APO	Kevin Oeltjenbruns (Mountain Lake, MN)	Mountain Lake	Feedlots	\$0
5/21/2020	APO	Nicholas Steffel (Olivia, MN)	Olivia	Feedlots	\$0
5/12/2020	APO	Robert Grover (Lake Crystal, MN)	Madelia	Feedlots	\$0
5/19/2020	APO	Ryan Weinkauff (Pipestone, MN)	Pipestone	Feedlots	\$0
4/30/2020	APO	Douglas Bergemann (Trimont, MN)	Trimont	Feedlots	\$0
5/19/2020	APO	R & R Hogs, LLC (Wells, MN)	Wells	Feedlots	\$0
5/12/2020	APO	J&J Family Farms LLC (Hartland, MN)	Ellendale	Feedlots	\$0
5/8/2020	APO	Shane Menken (Mountain Lake, MN)	Butterfield	Feedlots	\$0
6/17/2020	APO	S.B.Foot Tanning Company (Red Wing, MN)	Red Wing	Air Quality	\$0
4/3/2020	APO	Malteurop North America Inc - Winona (Winona, MN)	Winona	Air Quality	\$0
3/4/2020	APO	KLN Family Brands (Perham, MN)	Perham	Construction Stormwater	\$0
3/4/2020	APO	Hammers Construction (Perham, MN)	Perham	Construction Stormwater	\$0