



CHAPTER 143

ARTICLE 21 - WATER AND AIR RESOURCES

N.C.G.S. § 143-215.17.

Enforcement procedures.

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§ 143-215.17(a) Criminal Penalties. - Any person who shall be adjudged to have violated any provision of this Part shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall only be liable to a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation. In addition, if any person is adjudged to have committed such violation willfully, the court may determine that each day during which such violation continued constitutes a separate violation subject to the foregoing penalty.

§ 143-215.17(b) Civil Penalties. -

- (1) The Secretary may assess a civil penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) against any person who violates any provisions of, or any order issued pursuant to this Part, or who violates a rule of the Commission implementing this Part.
- (2) If any action or failure to act for which a penalty may be assessed under this Part is willful, the Secretary may assess a penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day of violation.
- (3) In determining the amount of the penalty the Secretary shall consider the factors set out in G.S. 143B-282.1(b). The procedures set out in G.S. 143B-282.1 shall apply to civil penalty assessments that are presented to the Commission for final agency decision.
- (4) The Secretary shall notify any person assessed a civil penalty of the assessment and the specific reasons therefor by registered or certified mail, or by any means authorized by G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4. Contested case petitions shall be filed within 30 days of receipt of the notice of assessment.

- (5) Requests for remission of civil penalties shall be filed with the Secretary. Remission requests shall not be considered unless made within 30 days of receipt of the notice of assessment. Remission requests must be accompanied by a waiver of the right to a contested case hearing pursuant to Chapter 150B and a stipulation of the facts on which the assessment was based. Consistent with the limitations in G.S. 143B-282.1(c) and (d), remission requests may be resolved by the Secretary and the violator. If the Secretary and the violator are unable to resolve the request, the Secretary shall deliver remission requests and his recommended action to the Committee on Civil Penalty Remissions of the Environmental Management Commission appointed pursuant to G.S. 143B-282.1(c).
- (6) If any civil penalty has not been paid within 30 days after notice of assessment has been served on the violator, the Secretary shall request the Attorney General to institute a civil action in the Superior Court of any county in which the violator resides or has his or its principal place of business to recover the amount of the assessment, unless the violator contests the assessment as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection, or requests remission of the assessment in whole or in part as provided in subdivision (5) of this subsection. If any civil penalty has not been paid within 30 days after the final agency decision or court order has been served on the violator, the Secretary shall request the Attorney General to institute a civil action in the Superior Court of any county in which the violator resides or has his or its principal place of business to recover the amount of the assessment.
- (7) Repealed by Session Laws 1995 (Regular Session, 1996), c. 743, s. 15.
- (8) The clear proceeds of civil penalties assessed pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2.

§ 143-215.17(c)

Injunctive Relief. - Upon violation of any of the provisions of this Part, a rule implementing this Part, or an order issued under this Part, the Secretary may, either before or after the institution of proceedings for the collection of the penalty imposed by this Part for such violations, request the Attorney General to institute a civil action in the superior court of the county or counties where the violation occurred in the name of the State upon the relation of the Department for injunctive relief to restrain the violation or require corrective action, and for such other or further relief in the premises as said court shall deem proper. Neither the institution of the action nor

any of the proceedings thereon shall relieve any party to such proceedings from the penalty prescribed by this Part for any violation of same.

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APPARATUS I
13 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1967	c. 933, s. 7	ENACTED
02	1973	c. 698, s. 16	AMENDED
03	1973	c. 1262, s. 23	AMENDED
04	1975	c. 842, s. 2	AMENDED
05	1977	c. 771, s. 4	AMENDED
06	1981	c. 585, s. 11	AMENDED
07	1987	c. 827, ss. 154, 170	AMENDED
08	1987	1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 1036, s. 4	AMENDED
09	1993	c. 539, s. 1020	AMENDED
10	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
11	1994	1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 743, s. 15	AMENDED
12	1998	S.L. 1998-215, s. 64	AMENDED
13	2009	S.L. 2009-134, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
6 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 143B-282.1(b)	(b)(3)	"consider the factors set out in"

G.S. 143B-282.1	(b)(3)	"143B-282.1(b). The procedures set out in"
G.S. 1A-1	(b)(4)	"or by any means authorized by"
G.S. 143B-282.1(c) and (d)	(b)(5)	"based. Consistent with the limitations in"
G.S. 143B-282.1(c)	(b)(5)	"Environmental Management Commission appointed pursuant to"
G.S. 115C-457.2	(b)(8)	"and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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