

Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Compliance and Enforcement

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March 25, 2025

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Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. c/o CT Corporation System, Registered Agent 780 Commercial St SE Ste 100 Salem OR 97301

Re: Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment and Order

Case No. LQ-HW-NWR-2024-652

This letter is to inform you that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued you a civil penalty of \$4,200 for transporting hazardous waste without a manifest.

DEQ issued this penalty because as a hazardous waste transportation professional, it is critical that you accurately assess whether manifests are required in order to ensure safe transport and management of hazardous wastes such as the ignitable spent non-halogenated solvents you transported in October 2024.

You may pay the civil penalty as follows:

Pay online with e-check (ACH) or Credit Card. Go to Your DEQ Online here: <a href="https://ydo.oregon.gov">https://ydo.oregon.gov</a>. Select Register Account or Login, then select Pay Invoices/Fees on your account dashboard. Enter the Invoice number and Account ID included on the attached payment slip. Note: US Bank charges a 2.3% convenience charge for credit card transactions. ACH payments have no additional charges.

Pay by check or money order: Make checks payable to "Department of Environmental Quality" and mail to the address on the enclosed payment slip. Please make sure to include the payment slip with your check or money order.

If you wish to appeal this matter, DEQ must receive a request for a hearing within 20 calendar days from your receipt of this letter. The hearing request must be in writing. Send your request to DEQ Office of Compliance and Enforcement:

Via mail – 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232

Via email – DEQappeals@deq.oregon.gov

Via fax – 503-229-6762

Once DEQ receives your request, we will arrange to meet with you to discuss this matter. If DEQ does not receive a timely written hearing request, the penalty will become due.

The attached Notice further details DEQ's reasons for issuing the penalty and provides further instructions for appealing the penalty. <u>Please review and refer to it when discussing this case with DEQ</u>.

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DEQ may allow you to resolve part of your penalty through the completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). SEPs are environmental improvement projects that you sponsor instead of paying a portion of your penalty. Further information is available by calling the number below or at <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/Pages/SEP.aspx">http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/Pages/SEP.aspx</a>.

DEQ's rules are available at http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/Pages/Statutes.aspx or by calling the number below.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Wheeler at 971-301-0622.

Sincerely,

Crin Saylor, Interim Manager

Office of Compliance and Enforcement

Enclosures

cc: Michelle Olson, DEQ

Jess Brown, jess.brown@safety-kleen.com

1	BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION
2	OF THE STATE OF OREGON
3	IN THE MATTER OF: CLEAN HARBORS ENVIRONMENTAL  NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENT AND ORDER
5	SERVICES, INC.,  (i)  Respondent.  (i)  CASE NO. HW-LQ-NWR-2024-652
6	I. AUTHORITY
7	The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issues this Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment
8	and Order (Notice) pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 468.100, ORS 468.126 through 468.140,
9	ORS 466.990, ORS Chapter 183 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340, Divisions 011,
10	012, and 100-102.
11	II. FINDINGS OF FACT
12	1. Respondent operates a hazardous waste transportation business under United States
13	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Hazardous Waste Transporter Identification Number
14	MAD039322250.
15	2. On October 28, 2024, Respondent transported 85 gallons (400 pounds) of waste
16	flammable liquids containing acetone and methanol without a uniform hazardous waste manifest.
17	III. CONCLUSIONS
18	Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, DEQ has determined that Respondent violated the
19	following provisions of Oregon law, including the hazardous waste laws in the Code of Federal
20	Regulations (CFRs), as adopted by OAR 340-100-0002:
21	1. Respondent violated 40 CFR 263.20(a)(1) by transporting hazardous waste without a
22	hazardous waste manifest, as described in Section II above. The transported waste was solid
23	waste according to 40 CFR 261.2(a)(1), (a)(2)(i)(A), and (b)(1), and hazardous waste as
24	identified by EPA Hazardous Waste Numbers (Waste Nos.) D001 and F003, according to 40
25	CFR 261.24 and 261.31. This is a Class I violation, according to OAR 340-012-0068(1)(e).
26	DEQ hereby assesses a \$4,200 civil penalty for this violation.
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#### IV. ORDER TO PAY CIVIL PENALTY

Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS, Respondent is hereby ORDERED TO:

Pay a total civil penalty of \$4,200. The determination of the civil penalty is attached as Exhibit 1 which is incorporated as part of this Notice.

If you do not file a request for hearing as set forth in Section V below, please pay the penalty as follows:

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<a href="https://ydo.oregon.gov">https://ydo.oregon.gov</a>. Select Register Account or Login, then select Pay Invoices/Fees on your account dashboard. Enter the Reference Number and FIMS Account ID included on the attached payment slip.

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#### V. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING

You have a right to a contested case hearing on this Notice, if you request one in writing. DEQ must receive your request for hearing within 20 calendar days from the date you receive this Notice. If you have any affirmative defenses or wish to dispute any allegations of fact in this Notice or attached exhibits, you must do so in your request for hearing, as factual matters not denied will be considered admitted, and failure to raise a defense will be a waiver of the defense. (See OAR 340-011-0530 for further information about requests for hearing.) You must send your request to: DEQ, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232, fax it to 503-229-6762 or email it to DEQappeals@deq.oregon.gov. An administrative law judge employed by the Office of Administrative Hearings will conduct the hearing, according to ORS Chapter 183, OAR Chapter 340, Division 011 and OAR 137-003-0501 to 0700. You have a right to be represented by an attorney at the hearing, however you are not required to be. If you request a hearing,

1	you will be notified of the time and place of the hearing and you will be given information on the				
2	procedures, and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of the hearing before commencement of				
3	the hearing. If you are an individual, you may represent yourself. If you are a corporation, partnership,				
4	limited liability company, unincorporated association, trust or government body, you must be				
5	represented by an attorney or a duly authorized representative, as set forth in OAR 137-003-0555.				
6	Active duty Service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service				
7	Members Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 1-800-				
8	452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571, or the nearest United States Armed				
9	Forces Legal Assistance Office through <a href="http://legalassistance.law.af.mil">http://legalassistance.law.af.mil</a> . The Oregon Military				
10	Department does not have a toll free telephone number.				
11	If you fail to file a timely request for hearing, the Notice will become a final order by default				
12	without further action by DEQ, as per OAR 340-011-0535(1). If you do request a hearing but later				
13	withdraw your request, fail to attend the hearing or notify DEQ that you will not be attending the				
14	hearing, DEQ will issue a final order by default pursuant to OAR 340-011-0535(3). DEQ designates				
15	the relevant portions of its files, including information submitted by you, as the record for purposes of				
16	proving a prima facie case.				
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20	3/25/2025 Cr. Sayla				
21	Date Erin Saylor, Interim Manager Office of Compliance and Enforcement				
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#### EXHIBIT NO. 1

# FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF RESPONDENT'S CIVIL PENALTY PURSUANT TO OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULE (OAR) 340-012-0045

<u>VIOLATION 1</u>: Transporting hazardous waste without a uniform hazardous waste

manifest, in violation of 40 CFR 263.20(a)(1).

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>: This is a Class I violation pursuant to OAR 340-012-0068(1)(e).

MAGNITUDE: The magnitude of the violation is minor pursuant to OAR 340-012-

0135(4)(c)(C) because Respondent transported 85 gallons (400 pounds) of non-acute hazardous waste without a manifest.

<u>CIVIL PENALTY FORMULA</u>: The formula for determining the amount of penalty of each violation is:  $BP + [(0.1 \times BP) \times (P + H + O + M + C)] + EB$ 

"BP" is the base penalty, which is \$3,000 for a Class I, minor magnitude violation in the matrix listed in OAR 340-012-0140(2)(b)(A)(iii) and applicable pursuant to OAR 340-012-0140(2)(a)(M)(i) because Respondent is a hazardous waste transporter and violated a hazardous waste rule.

- "P" is whether Respondent has any prior significant actions, as defined in OAR 340-012-0030(19), in the same media as the violation at issue that occurred at a facility owned or operated by the same Respondent within the past 10 years per OAR 340-012-0145(2)(d)(B), and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(2)(a)(A), because Respondent does not have any prior significant actions.
- "H" is Respondent's history of correcting prior significant actions, and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(3)(c) because there is no prior history.
- "O" is whether the violation was repeated or ongoing and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(4)(a) because there was one occurrence of the violation.
- "M" is the mental state of the Respondent and receives a value of 4 according to OAR 340-012-0145(5)(c) because Respondent's conduct was negligent, as defined in OAR 340-012-0030(15). Respondent is a hazardous waste management and transportation professional. By failing to take any measures to confirm the contents of the container were as represented by the generator, Respondent failed to take reasonable care to avoid the foreseeable risk of committing this violation.
- "C" is Respondent's efforts to correct or mitigate the violation and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(6)(f) because there is insufficient information on which to make a finding under paragraphs (6)(a) through (6)(e) or (6)(g).

"EB" is the approximate dollar value of the benefit gained and the costs avoided or delayed as a result of the Respondent's noncompliance. It is designed to "level the playing field" by taking away any economic advantage the entity gained and to deter potential violators from deciding it is cheaper to violate and pay the penalty than to pay the costs of compliance. In this case, "EB" receives a value of \$0 because there is insufficient information to make an estimate of the economic benefit, if any, received by Respondent from this violation.

PENALTY CALCULATION: Penalty = BP +  $[(0.1 \times BP) \times (P + H + O + M + C)]$  + EB =  $$3,000 + [(0.1 \times $3,000) \times (0 + 0 + 0 + 4 + 0] + $0$  =  $$3,000 + [$300 \times 4] + $0$  = \$3,000 + \$1,200 + \$0 = \$4,200

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600 Portland, OR 97232-4100



Phone: 503-229-5437 Fax: 503-229-5850

## **CIVIL PENALTY - ORS 468.135(2)**

DATE:	March 25, 2025
RESPONSE DATE :	June 3, 2025
TOTAL PENALTY:	\$4,200.00

Account Name:	CLEAN HARBORS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (TRANSPORTER)				
Account Type:	Vendor/Organization/Company Reference Number: CPGFI		CPGFD2500042		
SubSystem ID:	296844	FIMS Acct. ID:	23700		

## **Penalty Summary**

Penalty Amount	Interest	Adjustment	Amount Paid	Total Penalty
\$ 4,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,200.00

Payment of this penalty is subject to the exercise of your options or right to appeal as described in the enclosed enforcement documents.

To Pay Online with ACH or Credit Card Visit <a href="https://ydo.oregon.gov">https://ydo.oregon.gov</a> and select 'Register Account'



#### PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT



REFERENCE NO.	CPGFD2500042			
PAYCODE:	00401 7400 10040 74001 0500 000000 00			
FEE PROGRAM ID:	950	RESPONSE DATE:	June 3, 2025	
FIMS ACCT. ID:	23700 TOTAL PENALTY DUE: \$4200.00		\$4200.00	

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Department of Environmental Quality

DEQ FINANCIAL SERVICES - LBX4244 PO BOX 4244 PORTLAND OR 97208-4244

Check this box if updated address information has
 been provided on the back of the form.



Environmental Quality

## State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

**CIVIL PENALTY - ORS 468.135(2)** 

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### **Penalty Detail**

Transaction Date	Description	Amount
3/25/2025	2024-652 LQ-HW-HQ-2024-652	\$4,200.00

#### SFMS Agencies Use:

Trans Code	Treasury Fund	SFMS	Index	PCA (5)	Agency Object	Project#	Phase
723	00401	7400	10040	74001	0500	00000	00

### **Address Changes**

Please visit <a href="https://ydo.oregon.gov">https://ydo.oregon.gov</a> to update your mailing address online or provide the following information:

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that I served DEQ Case No. LQ-HW-NWR-2024-652 upon:

	U.S. Postal Service™ CERTIFIED MAIL® RECEIPT  Domestic Mail Only
6.503	For delivery information, visit our website at www.usps.com°.
=0	Certifled Mall Fee
068	Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.
5270	c/o CT Corporation System, Registered Agent
	780 Commercial St SE Ste 100 Salem, OR 97301
0770	\$ Sent To
589	Street and Apt. No., or PO Box No.
<u></u>	City, State, ZIP+4®
	PS Form 3800, January 2023 PSN 7530-02-000-9047 See Reverse for Instructions

By mailing a true copy of the above by placing it in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid at the DEQ/DAS mail services in Portland, Oregon on March 25, 2025

Isaac Griffith, Case Coordinator

Office of Compliance & Enforcement

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