

# Companies That Violate Wastewater Rules Receive Penalties



**King County**

Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
Wastewater Treatment Division

King County's Industrial Waste Program (KCIW) regulates industries that discharge wastewater to the sanitary sewer system to protect worker safety, local and regional sewer and treatment infrastructure, and biosolids. KCIW monitors compliance according to federal, state, and local regulations. Many companies must pretreat their wastewater before they put it into the sanitary sewer system and comply with reporting, monitoring, and discharge requirements. KCIW is required to report on companies who violate wastewater rules.

**Annually, KCIW publishes industrial facilities that were determined to be in significant noncompliance (SNC) status and/or received penalties. SNC is defined in King County Code Section 28.82.810. KCIW's last publication date was May 8, 2023. Since that date, the following companies were determined to be in SNC or were issued a penalty:**

Violations Resulting in Significant Noncompliance Status	Reason for Publication and Additional Comments
<p><b>Art Brass Plating Inc.</b> DISCHARGE VIOLATIONS: Violation of the instantaneous limit for nickel and violations of the instantaneous and monthly average limits for cadmium.</p>	<p>Art Brass Plating Inc. was determined to be in SNC for exceedance of the U.S. EPA Technical Review Criteria (TRC) factor for cadmium violations. The company was issued a final notice and compliance order and assessed \$11,385 in post violation charges for costs incurred by KCIW.</p>
<p><b>Electrofinishing Inc.</b> REPORTING VIOLATIONS: Final notice issued for failure to submit required reports (Nov. and Dec. 2023 self-monitoring reports and semi-annual TTO certification statement).</p>	<p>Electrofinishing Inc. was determined to be in SNC for failure to file a required report within 45 days of the due date. The reports were subsequently received by KCIW.</p>
<p><b>Magnetic and Penetrant Services Co. (MAPSCO) dba Valence Surface Technologies</b> DISCHARGE VIOLATIONS: Multiple violations of the monthly average limit for zinc.</p>	<p>MAPSCO was determined to be in SNC for exceedance of the U.S. EPA TRC factor for zinc violations. The company was issued a final notice and compliance order and assessed \$10,560 in post violation charges for costs incurred by KCIW.</p>
<p><b>Seattle Public Utilities – South Transfer Station</b> DISCHARGE VIOLATIONS: Violation of the discharge limit for settleable solids in three out of four self-monitoring periods.</p>	<p>Seattle Public Utilities was determined to be in SNC for exceedance of the U.S. EPA TRC factor for settleable solids violations. The agency was issued a final notice and compliance order and assessed \$9,036 in post violation charges for costs incurred by KCIW.</p>
<p><b>Tim's Cascade Snacks</b> REPORTING VIOLATION: Final notice issued for failure to submit required report (14-day report for discharge violations).</p>	<p>Tim's Cascade Snacks was determined to be in SNC for failure to file a required report within 45 days of the due date. The reports were subsequently received by KCIW.</p>
Violations Resulting in Penalty only	Reason for Publication and Additional Comments
<p><b>Paroscientific Inc.</b> REPORTING VIOLATION: Final notice issued for failure to submit required report (authorization renewal application).</p>	<p>Paroscientific Inc. was issued a penalty of \$500. The report was subsequently received by KCIW.</p>
<p><b>Rainier Petroleum Corp.</b> REPORTING VIOLATION: Final notice issued for failure to submit required report (authorization renewal application).</p>	<p>Rainier Petroleum Corp. was issued a penalty of \$500. The report was subsequently received by KCIW.</p>
<p><b>Taylor Farms Northwest LLC</b> DISCHARGE VIOLATIONS: Multiple violations of the discharge limits for pH.</p>	<p>Taylor Farms Northwest LLC was issued a compliance order and penalty of \$2,376 and assessed \$12,690 in post violation charges for costs incurred by KCIW.</p>

## Other Violations

KCIW acted on 22 other violations at 15 facilities. These facilities were not in significant noncompliance status for these violations and were not issued a penalty. Where applicable, these facilities reimbursed KCIW for additional post violation administration, inspection, and monitoring program costs.

## Questions or Info. for King County?

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