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Seneca County Companies to Pay Penalty for Air Pollution Violations

MGQ Aggregates Inc. and Maple Grove Materials Inc. have agreed to improve record keeping, limit emissions from a product handling line and pay a \$125,000 civil penalty for multiple violations of Ohio's air pollution control regulations at four Seneca County plants. The companies are under common ownership.

Three of the facilities process limestone aggregate. Violations at MGQ's 2000 West County Road facility involved visible particulate emissions, failing to immediately report a malfunction of the air pollution control equipment (a baghouse) and failing to route emissions from the fines storage area to the baghouse. The company also installed or modified various lines without first obtaining permits from Ohio EPA.

At MGQ's 1525 West County Road 42 facility, violations included failing to have certain operation records available at the time of the inspection. At MGQ's portable plant located in Jackson Township near Millersville, the company failed to conduct timely emissions testing for all material transfer points, screens and crushers in the timeframe outlined in its permit. The violations have been corrected.

At all three locations, the company did not maintain proper records of company-performed inspections for particulate emissions.

At the Maple Grove Materials asphalt plant, 2100 West County Road 42, the company did not conduct required particulate emission testing within the timeframe required by Ohio regulations.

The [settlement](#) requires MGQ to submit a permit-to-install application to limit production for the product handling line. Until the permit is issued, the company must maintain daily records for the unit documenting the total amount of stone processed, actual hours of operation and average production rate.

Of the total penalty, \$100,000 will be divided by Ohio EPA's Environmental Education Fund and air pollution control program. The remaining \$25,000 will go to Ohio EPA's [Clean Diesel School Bus Program](#).