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## **Ohio EPA, Sand Company Settle Water Pollution Violations in Perry County**

In a [settlement with Ohio EPA](#), Oglebay Norton Industrial Sands Inc. has agreed to eliminate unauthorized discharges into tributaries of Jonathan and Painter Creeks from sedimentation ponds located at its facility (2446 Glass Rock Rd. in Glenford) and pay a \$75,000 penalty.

Ohio EPA determined the company violated the terms and conditions of its wastewater discharge permit on numerous occasions between 2003 and 2010 and was considered in significant noncompliance from June 2007 to June 2009.

In the summer of 2008, Ohio EPA staff conducted a [stream survey in the Moxahala-Jonathan Creek watershed](#), finding large deposits of sandy/silt material downstream of one of the tributaries into which Oglebay's facility discharges. Excess sediment in a stream can destroy aquatic habitats and make it difficult for aquatic plants to grow.

In late October 2008, the company discovered data that had been previously misreported or omitted and resubmitted to Ohio EPA discharge monitoring reports from 2004 to 2008. In February 2009, Ohio EPA conducted a compliance evaluation of the facility. Inspectors observed that a sediment pond serving a certain quarry appeared to be undersized, likely contributing to historic discharge violations from that particular outfall. There also appeared to be problems with a settling pond and stockpiles of sand elsewhere on the property that weren't adequately controlled for storm water runoff/sediment transport.

Oglebay submitted a permit application to Ohio EPA in March 2010 to address improvements and compliance issues. The company has further agreed to take steps to meet effluent limits and eliminate unauthorized discharges from its facility in a timely manner.

A portion of the civil penalty (\$15,000) will go to Ohio EPA's [Clean Diesel School Bus Program](#) Fund. This fund helps retrofit older school buses with pollution control equipment to reduce particulate emissions from their diesel engines and thereby protect the children who ride the buses. The remaining \$60,000 will be split between the Ohio Environmental Education Fund and the administration of surface water programs.

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