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Two Northeast Ohio Gas Station Owners to Pay Penalties For Air Pollution Control Violations

Two owners of Northeast Ohio gas stations have agreed to pay [Ohio EPA](#) a combined \$20,000 in civil penalties to settle air pollution control violations at their Cuyahoga County gas stations.

EZ Energy USA Inc. failed to properly operate, maintain and successfully test stage II vapor control systems on several pumps at gas stations located at 6680 Mayfield Road in Mayfield Heights and 20 East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls.

Wayne Eliason, doing business as D&D Marathon, also failed to properly operate, maintain and successfully test a stage II vapor control system at a gas station located at 5336 Broadview Road in Parma (the gas station is now under new ownership). In addition, Eliason, doing business as Oakwood Sunoco, failed to perform the 2010 annual stage II compliance test at his station located at 22775 Broadway Avenue in Oakwood Village. In June 2011, Eliason conducted and passed the test.

The violations were documented by the [Cleveland Division of Air Quality](#), Ohio EPA's contractual representative for administering Ohio's air pollution control laws in Cuyahoga County.

To ensure the gas stations' vapor control systems operate as designed and in [compliance with regulations](#), both owners have agreed to increase the frequency of inspections and testing during the next two years.

Uncontrolled gasoline vapors released to the atmosphere contribute to ozone pollution and may prevent the area from meeting the national ambient air quality standard for ozone. Ohio's emission control regulations require Northeast Ohio gas station owners to install and maintain vapor control systems to capture displaced vapors at the vehicle fill neck during fueling and route them back to the underground storage tank. Ohio EPA and local air agencies inspect gas stations and monitor testing to ensure that vapor control systems are properly operated and maintained.

EZ Energy and Eliason will each pay a \$10,000 penalty to support state and local air pollution control programs, the [Ohio Environmental Education Fund](#) and [Ohio EPA's clean diesel school bus program](#) fund. Copies of both [settlements](#) are available online.