**The Department issues Notices of Infraction to assess fines for violations of the District of Columbia’s environmental laws. Between October 1, 2013, and September 20, 2014, the Department issued**

**219 Notices of Infraction to enforce the laws that protect the District’s land, air, water, and human health.**

**Air Quality –** Motor vehicles are the largest source of emissions in the District. To reduce this pollution source, the Department enforces a law to limit engine idling to three minutes for motor vehicles that are parked, stopped, or standing. The Department also enforces a law that protects people from exposure to harmful asbestos.

**Watershed Protection –** Runoff from construction sites can pollute local creeks and the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. The Department enforces a law that requires construction site erosion control to reduce pollution of the District’s waterways and the Chesapeake Bay.

**Stormwater Management –** The Department fines businesses that fail to charge a $.05 fee for each disposable carryout bag in violation of the District’s bag law. This law reduces plastic bag pollution the District’s creeks and rivers.

**Underground Storage Tanks –** To protect people and the environment from exposure to petroleum and other hazardous materials, the Department enforces a law regulating underground storage tanks and systems in the District.

**Hazardous Waste –** The Department finescommercial businesses as well as federal, State, and local government facilities that fail to properly generate, transport, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste.

**Water Quality –** To protect the District’s creeks, rivers, and groundwater, the Department fines violators who discharged pollutants to the waters of the District without a permit.