

# Policy on Incentives for Self-Policing

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Purpose is to increase compliance by encouraging companies to voluntarily discover, disclose, correct and prevent violations of environmental requirements through the use of environmental audits

# Disclose and Correct Violations

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## ◉ Prompt Disclosure

- Regulated entity fully discloses violations, in writing to the Department within 30 days after it has discovered that violations have occurred, or may have occurred.

## ◉ Correction and Remediation

- Violations corrected within 60 days of discovery, certifies in writing, and takes appropriate measures as determined by the Department to remedy any environmental or human harm due to the violation.

# Incentives

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- Full or partial waiver of penalties.
- No recommendation for formal enforcement action.
- 26 multi-media self-disclosures since 2004 have not resulted in enforcement action or penalties.
- Environmental compliance was achieved in all cases.

# Questions?

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