

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.3313 Violations as misdemeanors; penalty; commencement of civil action by attorney general; revocation of permit or certificate of coverage.**

Sec. 3313. (1) A person who commits a violation of this part that does not result in harm to or pose a substantial threat to natural resources, the environment, or human health is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 for each violation. A law enforcement officer may issue and serve an appearance ticket upon a person for that violation pursuant to sections 9a to 9g of chapter IV of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 764.9a to 764.9g.

(2) A person who commits a violation of this part that results in harm to or poses a substantial threat to natural resources, the environment, or human health, or a corporate officer who had advance knowledge of such a violation of this part but failed to prevent the violation, is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be imprisoned for not more than 6 months and shall be fined not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$2,500.00.

(3) A person who commits a violation described in subsection (2) after a first conviction for such a violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be imprisoned for not more than 1 year and shall be fined not less than \$2,500.00 or more than \$5,000.00.

(4) A person who commits a violation of this part that results in serious harm to or poses an imminent and substantial threat to natural resources, the environment, or human health and who knew or should have known that the violation could have such a result is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be imprisoned for not more than 1 year and shall be fined not less than \$5,000.00 or more than \$10,000.00.

(5) A person who commits a violation described in subsection (4) after a first conviction for such a violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be imprisoned for not more than 2 years and shall be fined not less than \$7,500.00 or more than \$15,000.00.

(6) A person who knowingly makes a false statement, representation, or certification in an application for a permit or a certificate of coverage or in a report required by a permit or certificate of coverage issued under or rule promulgated under this part is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$2,500.00.

(7) A person who commits a violation described in subsection (6) after a first conviction for such a violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be imprisoned for not more than 1 year and shall be fined not less than \$2,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00.

(8) The attorney general may commence a civil action for appropriate relief for a violation of this part, including a permanent or temporary injunction restraining a violation or ordering restoration of natural resources affected by a violation and a civil fine of not more than \$25,000.00. The action may be commenced in the circuit court for the county of Ingham or the county in which the violation occurred.

(9) If a person knowingly commits a violation of this part, the department may revoke a permit or certificate of coverage issued to the person under this part.

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