# Conduct An Environmental Audit of Your Business Today

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**Are you struggling to comply with a new regulation?**

**Do you want to reduce your liability and increase your efficiency?**

**Have you recently discovered that you failed to properly secure a permit on time?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then our Environmental Audit Incentive Policy can help you.

**Compliance with environmental law is important –**
It enhances worker safety, prevents environmental harm, and saves your company money. You can work with DEC to ensure compliance with environmental laws and avoid monetary penalties. DEC's Environmental Audit Incentive Policy encourages you to proactively identify compliance issues, disclose them to the Department, and quickly remedy them. You then become eligible for a waiver of penalties.

**In addition, if your company enters into an audit agreement with DEC to adopt pollution prevention practices or an environmental management system, you may be eligible for other benefits, including:**

- Greater likelihood of receiving an award under New York State financial assistance programs
- Priority assistance from New York State compliance and technical assistance programs
- Reducing the likelihood of a Department inspection during the term of your agreement
- Eligible to be recognized under the Department's New York Environmental Leaders (NYEL) Program

## Have you recently acquired a business?

## Thinking of buying one?

Conducting an environmental audit of your new business can reduce your liability, discover inefficiencies, and save you money. The Environmental Audit Incentive Policy has special considerations for new owners, including being allowed additional time to disclose violations and the opportunity to disclose a wider array of violations.

For more information on how this policy can benefit your business:

**Please visit our website at www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/93791.html or call us at 518-402-9185**