

MDEQ Compliance and Enforcement Overview

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C&E Overview

DEQ C&E Policy

- Each DEQ division uses the same terms
- Each DEQ division follows the same process
- Ensures the regulated community understands where they are in the process
- Ensures DEQ divisions can communicate with each other

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DEQ C&E Policy:

- C&E actions must be timely
- C&E actions must be appropriate to the violations alleged
- C&E actions must be consistent for like violations
- C&E actions in response to repeat or continuing violations must be progressive in nature
- C&E actions must be responsive to division program priorities and needs

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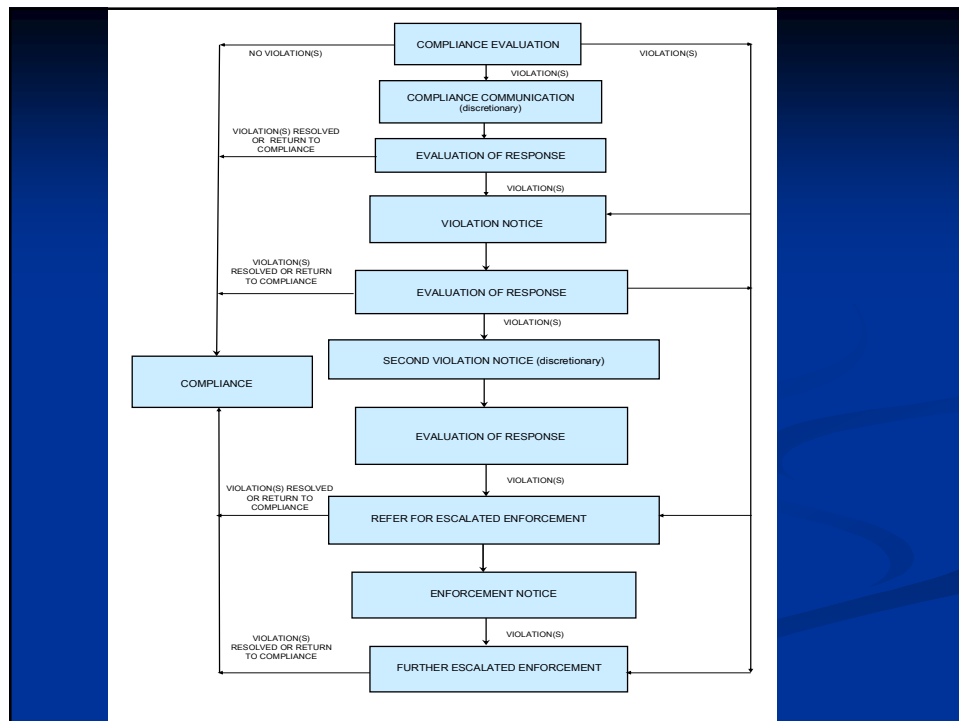
Types of Actions:

- Compliance Communication - CC
- Violation Notice - VN
- Second Violation Notice - SVN
- Enforcement Notice - EN

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The process generally goes like this:

- You report violations to us (as on your DMR) or we discover violations during an inspection
- Let's say we determined the violations are significant, and send a VN in response to the violations
- If your response is not sufficient, we may send a SVN.
- If your response was sufficient, and the violation will be resolved shortly, we may just monitor the situation
- If your response was insufficient, the period of noncompliance will continue for some time, or the violations were significant, then we may proceed to escalated enforcement.



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Enforcement in and of itself is not a goal

Compliance is the goal!