Violation Report Fact Sheet

Summary: User-specified criteria return a list of violations by Region, County, or violation type. The user can drill down to limited information on a facility's violations then to a specific violation. Note: This fact sheet is also applicable to the Interactive Dismissed Violation Report, except the status of the violations is "dismissed."

Using the Report (Navigation)

Location

This report is located on the Public Reports web site at
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/publicreports.shtml
under the Violation Reports heading. The user can also type "CIWQS Public Reports" in the search box at the top right-hand corner of any Water Board page.

Search Criteria

The first criterion is a radio button and is not optional. You must select one and only one. It determines how data in the first level of the report is categorized and displayed.

The other search criteria are optional. You may choose to use any, all, or none of the criteria. The default will return all of the records.

The Violation Source is a "pick list." It displays several items and has a scroll bar on the right side. A pick list allows the user to select multiple values. Hold down the Ctrl button and left click to select multiple values in any order you choose. Hold down the Shift key and left click to select everything between two values. Hold down Ctrl and left click to deselect.

Agency Type and Program are drop-downs. The user can choose one and only one of each. To use a drop-down, click the upside down triangle on the right. A list of values will display and the user is only able to select one.

Checking "Filter out Federal Agencies" will filter out violations linked to parties with the organization type of "Federal Agency." It is used to generate §13385 Report information.

Date boxes are "free text" and require the format MM/DD/YYYY (e.g., 01/08/2007 for January 8, 2007). The user can click on the calendar icon on the right to select a value with the mouse rather than typing it. The default is the current calendar year.

The final gray button, which is called "Generate Report," starts the query.

Hyperlinks

If the user sorts by Region or County, the hyperlinks under the "Violations" heading takes the user to the list of the facilities in a given region or county and their violation counts (also hyperlinks). The "Go back to Violation Summary" link takes the user back to the summary page.

If the user sorts by Violation Type, the hyperlinks under the "Violations" heading takes the user to the list of the facilities and their violation counts of that particular violation type. These counts are also hyperlinks.

Summary Search Criteria

Search by:
- Regional Board
  County
  Or Violation type
- Violation Source
- Agency type
- Program type
- Date range

Summary Report

- Regional Board
- Violation Count
- Percentage of Total Violations
- Priority Violations
- Percentage of Priority Violations

Detail Reported Fields

- Facility
- Agency
- Violations
- Priority Violations

From the list of facilities, the user can drill down further to the list of individual violations for each facility. This screen lists the violation ID, violated Order number, violation type, occurrence date, status of the violation, and violation description. The violation description field's default is to display 50 characters, which may truncate the entire description. Clicking on the Description heading hyperlink will display the entire description. From here, the user can return to the Violation Summary page, or the previous Region/County/Violation Type drill down page.

At each level of detail, the user has the option of a printer friendly version or downloading the report into Excel. By clicking the "Refine Search" hyperlink, the user can go back to the search screen where previously chosen criteria are saved.

Columns can be sorted by clicking on the column header hyperlink. Clicking on the same heading twice will sort in reverse.

At the bottom of the pages, there is a link back to the top of the page and the link "Back to the Main Menu" takes the user to the Public Reports web page.

How current is the data?

This report is on a nightly refresh schedule, which means that changes made in CIWQS will not be reflected until the next day. Reports are constructed from all entered data as of the close of business the previous day. If the refresh fails, the data in the report will be stale. Please notify the CIWQS Help Center (866-792-4977 or ciwqs@waterboards.ca.gov) if you believe a report has not been refreshed.

Note: Regional Boards are in the process of entering backlogged data. As a result, data may be incomplete.

More information

For definitions of terms used in the report, see the glossary. For more information about a particular violation, please note the Violation ID and contact Erin Mustain or Jarma Bennett (see contact information).

Further Detail Fields

- Violation ID
- Violated Order
- Violation type
- Occurrence date
- Status
- Violation Description

Report Facts

- Public report that is also available to staff
- Updated nightly
- Exportable to Excel

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