



# ENFORCEMENT ORDER

## Allegheny County Health Department

### Air Quality Program

836 Fulton Street Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Phone: (412) 578-8103

Address of Alleged Violation

100 South Commons, Suite 126, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Name of Alleged Violator

Databank (Databank holdings, Databank Inc.)

Address of Alleged Violator

100 South Commons, Suite 126, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Contact Person

Denis Paluselli

Title

Datacenter  
Manager

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412.638.4727

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DPaluselli@Databank.com

#### PART 1: DESCRIPTION OF INSPECTION(S)

On June 29, 2022, the Air Quality Program of Allegheny County Health Department ("ACHD") issued a Minor Source Operating Permit (0833-OP22) to Databank Holdings (Databank). Section III.15 of 0833-OP22 and Section 2103.12.k of Article XXI outline semiannual report submission requirements, including due dates. The semiannual report for April to September is due on October 31. The semiannual report for October to March is due on April 30.

In December 2025, an ACHD engineer determined that Databank did not submit the two semiannual reports which were due on April 30, 2025 and October 31, 2025.. On November 26, 2025, ACHD contacted Databank regarding the missing reports. On December 19, 2025, ACHD received the untimely reports. The first report was seven and a half months late, while the second report was seven weeks late.

On November 1, 2023, ACHD issued a Notice of Violation to Databank citing its failure to meet semiannual report and compliance certification deadlines.

Did the individual/company cooperate with  
ACHD personnel? If not, explain:

Inspection Date(s)

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Inspector Name(s)

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**PART 2: YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING REGULATION(s):**

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| <b>1</b> | Regulation Section<br><b>2103.12.k</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    | Regulation Requirement<br><b>All permits issued under this Subpart shall include all applicable reporting requirements and require the following: Submittal of reports of any required monitoring at least every 6 months. All instances of deviations from permit requirements must be clearly identified in such reports. All required reports must be certified by a responsible official as required by §2102.01 of this Article;</b> |
|          | Description of Violation<br>Semiannual reports due on April 30, 2025 and October 31, 2025 were submitted on December 19, 2025. The former was seven and a half months late, while the latter report was seven weeks late. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|          | What You Must Do to Correct the Violation<br><b>In the future, submit all reports in a timely manner so they are received prior to the due date.</b>                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

- ☐ **Immediately stop all work and/or cease operations at the following location(s):**
- ☐ **You are hereby Ordered to correct the violations(s) listed in Part 2 within \_\_\_\_\_ days of the service of this Enforcement Order.**
- ☐ **You are hereby Ordered to comply with the following requirements within \_\_\_\_\_ days of the service of this Enforcement Order:**
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**The Order(s) in this Part is enforceable upon issuance and any appeal shall not act as a stay.** The Order(s) shall remain in effect until you are notified in writing by the Department. Please contact the ACHD Air Quality Program at (412) 578-8103 to arrange for a reinspection or to request that the Order(s) be rescinded.

**Please be advised that failure to comply with this Order within the times specified herein is a violation of Article XXI giving rise to the remedies provided by Article XXI § 2109.02 including civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per violation per day.**

#### **PART 4: CIVIL PENALTY**

**For the violations listed in Part 2, you are hereby assessed a civil penalty of \$ 2,800.00.**  
The determination of the civil penalty is attached as **Exhibit No. 1** and is incorporated as part of this Enforcement Order.

Please be aware that if the Department did not assess a civil penalty, the Department may issue a subsequent enforcement order in which a civil penalty is assessed.

You shall pay the civil penalty amount within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Payment shall be made by corporate or certified check, or the like, made payable to the "Allegheny County Clean Air Fund", and sent to Air Quality Program Manager, Allegheny County Health Department, 836 Fulton Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

#### **PART 5: REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING**

Pursuant to Article XI, § 1104.A ("Hearings and Appeals"), and Article XXI § 2109.06.a.5, of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, you are notified that if you are aggrieved by this Order, a Notice of Appeal shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice or issuance of this Order. Such a Notice of Appeal shall be filed in the Office of the Director at 542 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

This Order is enforceable upon issuance and any appeal of this Order shall not act as a stay unless the Director or Hearing officer of the ACHD so orders. In the absence of a timely appeal, the terms of this Order shall become final.

Please be aware that if you wish to appeal this Order and a civil penalty has been assessed under Part 4, you are required within 30 days of receipt of this Order to either forward the penalty amount to the ACHD for placement in an escrow account or post an appeal bond to the ACHD in the amount of the penalty. Failure to forward the money or the appeal bond at the time of the appeal shall result in a waiver of all legal rights to contest the violation or the amount of the civil penalty unless you allege financial inability to prepay the penalty or to post the appeal bond. If you allege financial inability to prepay or post the bond, then you have the burden to prove it. Please review the specific requirements for prepaying the penalty or posting the appeal bond found in Article XXI § 2109.06.a.2-3.

A copy of Article XXI and Article XI may be found at <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Health-Department-Regulations.aspx>.

  
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Air Quality Program Manager

5/1/2026

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Date

## EXHIBIT NO. 1

### **CIVIL PENALTY DETERMINATION AND CALCULATION**

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for assessing civil penalties is to deter future violations not only at the specific facilities that are involved in the enforcement actions taken by the Department, but also at all the facilities within Allegheny County that are subject to the Article XXI regulations. In order to achieve the goal of deterrence, a civil penalty should remove any significant economic benefit resulting from noncompliance and include an amount beyond recovery of the economic benefit to reflect the seriousness of the violation.

**CIVIL PENALTY FACTORS:** The ACHD has determined the civil penalty to be in accordance with Article XXI, § 2109.06.b, reflecting relevant factors including, but not limited to: the nature, severity and frequency of the alleged violations; the maximum amount of civil and criminal penalties authorized by law; the willfulness of such violations; the impact of such violations on the public and the environment; the actions taken by the violator to minimize such violations and to prevent future violations; and the violator's compliance history.

**CIVIL PENALTY FORMULA:** The following calculation is used to assess the civil penalty:

$$\text{Civil Penalty} = (\text{Gravity Based Component} \times \text{Adjustment Factor}) + \text{Economic Benefit} + \text{Cost to the Department} + \text{Additional Deterrent Penalty}$$

**Gravity Based Component:** A gravity based component reflects the potential harm that the violation may have on the public or environment and the severity of the violation.

**Adjustment Factor:** The gravity based component may be adjusted for factors and circumstances unique to the violator. These adjustment factors include the violators degree of cooperation with the ACHD during the investigation, the compliance history of the violator, the degree of willfulness that violator exhibited with regard to the violation, the size of the violator, and whether the violator is a Title V source or a Synthetic Minor source.

**Economic Benefit:** This component is a measure of the economic benefit gained by the violator as a result of noncompliance with the regulatory, statutory, or permit requirements.

**Cost to the Department:** Extra monetary costs for the investigation and preparation of the case, such as source sampling costs and laboratory costs, may be identified and added to the adjusted civil penalty.

**Additional Deterrent Penalty:** An additional deterrent penalty may be assessed if justified by the circumstances of the case.

## **CIVIL PENALTY CALCULATION**

### **A. Gravity Based Component**

| <b>Violation</b>                                                                         | <b>Gravity Based Penalty</b> | <b>Violation Days</b> | <b>Total Gravity Penalty</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Late Submittal of Semiannual report (§2103.12.k) Greater than six months beyond deadline | \$2,100.00                   | 1                     | \$2,100.00                   |
| Late Submittal of Semiannual report (§2103.12.k) Less than three months beyond deadline  | \$ 700.00                    | 1                     | \$ 700.00                    |
| <b>Gravity Component Total</b>                                                           |                              |                       | <b>\$2,800.00</b>            |

| <b>B. <u>Adjustment Factors</u></b>                                            | <b>Factor</b> | <b>Adjustment Amount</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Degree of Cooperation: Cooperative, Management turnover causes some difficulty |               | \$0                      |
| Compliance History: One warning letter 11/1/2023                               |               | \$0                      |
| Degree of Willfulness: Failure to exercise due diligence                       |               | \$0                      |
| Size of Violator: Reported to have raised \$2B for expansion                   |               | \$0                      |
| Minor source:                                                                  |               | \$0                      |
| <b>Adjustment Factors Total</b>                                                |               | <b>\$0</b>               |

### **C. Other Adjustments**

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Economic Benefit: None identified  | \$0               |
| Cost to the Department: none       | \$0               |
| Additional Deterrent Penalty: none | \$0               |
| <b>Other Adjustments Total</b>     | <b>\$0</b>        |
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| <b>TOTAL CIVIL PENALTY</b>         | <b>\$2,800.00</b> |