

**Staff Report**  
**Board Meeting Date: November 21, 2024**

**DATE:** November 14, 2024  
**TO:** District Board of Health  
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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation for the Board to uphold a settled penalty issued to Renown Regional Medical Center, Case No. 1486, Notice of Violation No. AQMV24-0026 with a \$40,500.00 total fine, for construction of new emissions units without submitting an application and obtaining an Authority to Construct permit.

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**SUMMARY**

The Northern Nevada Public Health, Air Quality Management Division (AQMD) staff recommends Notice of Violation (NOV) No. AQMV24-0026 be upheld and a total fine in the amount of **\$40,500.00** levied against Renown Regional Medical Center for construction of new emissions units without submitting an application and obtaining an Authority to Construct permit. This action is a **major** violation of the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management 030.000 (Source Permitting and Operation).

**District Health Strategic Priority supported by this item:**

- 2. Healthy Environment:** Create a healthier environment that allows people to safely enjoy everything Washoe County has to offer.

**PREVIOUS ACTION**

No previous action.

**BACKGROUND**

Please refer to the attached NOV No. AQMV24-0026 for specific information. The NOV contains the facts associated with the incident of noncompliance and supporting documentation relevant to the NOV.

Pursuant to the procedures to discuss and potentially settle the Notice of Violation (NOV) associated with a major violation of DBOH Regulations, the AQMD scheduled a compliance and enforcement meeting with Renown Regional Medical Center to discuss the noncompliance incident and the proposed violation and penalty. A meeting was held on October 3, 2024 and attended by the AQMD Enforcement Group, AQMD Supervisor of Permitting and Compliance and representatives of Renown Regional Medical Center Responsible Official. During the meeting, the incident of noncompliance associated with NOV No. AQMV24-0026 was discussed. Renown Regional Medical Center concurred with the violations and agreed to settle the violations by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated October 9, 2024. NOV No. AQMV24-0026 was considered final with a total fine of \$40,500.00 on October 31, 2024.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts resulting from the Board upholding the issuance of the Notice of Violation and associated fine. All fine money collected is forwarded to the Washoe County School District to be used for environmentally focused projects for the benefit of the students.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board uphold a settled penalty issued to Renown Regional Medical Center, Case No. 1486, Notice of Violation No. AQMV24-0026 with a total fine of \$40,500.00.

### **ALTERNATIVE**

Should the Board wish to consider an alternative to upholding the Staff recommendation, as presented, the item should be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Possible alternatives are:

1. The Board may determine no violation of the regulations has occurred and dismiss Notice of Violation No. AQMV24-0026; or
2. The Board may determine to uphold Notice of Violation No. AQMV24-0026 and levy any fine in the range of \$0.00 to \$10,000.00 per day per violation for the major violation.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with Staff's recommendation, the motion would be:

1. "Move to uphold a settled penalty issued to Renown Regional Medical Center, Case No. 1486, Notice of Violation No. AQMV23-0026 with a total fine of \$40,500.00."

Or, should the Board wish to consider an alternative motion the item should be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion and, the possible motion may be:

1. "Move to dismiss Case No. 1486, Notice of Violation No. AQMV23-0026, issued to Renown Regional Medical Center", or
2. "Move to uphold Case No. 1486, Notice of Violation No. AQMV23-0026, and levy a fine in the amount of (range of \$0.00 to \$10,000.00) per day per violation, with the matter being continued to the next meeting to allow for the Renown Regional Medical Center to be properly noticed."