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The penalty of 900,000 given by the department of Ecology to Treoil Industries is insufficient considering the egregious and repeated negligence shown by Treoil industries. Treoil Industries was given ample opportunity to improve their hazardous waste management. Instead of taking these opportunities to repair their mistakes, with no respect for their neighbors, Treoil Industries willfully and knowingly continued to pollute the environment by abandoning thousands of gallons of hazardous materials to spill and mix with rainwater. Treoil industries was only fined 900,000 dollars. The total cost of the cleanup was 4.3 million dollars. The cost of the cleanup falls burden on the community, the state, the country and their tax payers. Treoil Industries' debt to its community and the amount required for justice to be served is far greater than 900,000 dollars.