The Department of Natural Resources cited 14 companies, including three Baton Rouge firms, for air quality violations in November.

Among those cited were three hospitals operating incinerators that DNR said do not meet state air quality standards.

DNR's air quality section ordered Kaiser Aluminum to correct three air pollution problems at the plant and be in full compliance with the state standards by April 1, 1984.

The other two local firms cited were American Hoechst and Stevens Concrete.

Both have been ordered to provide DNR with an explanation of the pollution incidents allegedly caused by their firms.

American Hoechst, located near Scotlandville, emitted “undesirable levels of air contaminants into the surrounding area on Nov. 4 and 5,” according to a notice of violation sent the company.

Kaiser was cited as part of a routine inspection that DNR said revealed that the company was not properly maintaining an air scrubber, was allowing fugitive emissions from a lime dust collection device and had failed to properly maintain another dust collection device.

DNR instructed Kaiser to take temporary steps to lessen the problems and to install new equipment that will bring the plant into compliance with state air laws by April 1, 1984.

Central Louisiana State Hospital at Pineville was cited for not having a secondary burner in its incinerator. The hospital was also informed that its incinerator is inadequate for burning infectious or pathologic wastes.

DNR cited Lafayette General Hospital for operating an incinerator with a cracked refractory and excess visible emissions that may have been caused by improper combustion air.

Huey P. Long Memorial Hospital in Pineville was cited for alleged improper maintenance and operation of a secondary burner on its incinerator.

DNR also cited the following companies for the alleged pollution problems listed:

- Century Graphics Corp. in New Orleans for odor problems resulting in complaints by neighbors.
- Madison-East Carroll Gin Association for incinerating cotton trash after being instructed by a state inspector not to burn the trash, but to handle it in a different manner.
- Catalyst Recovery Inc. of Lafayette for allegedly allowing the release excessive levels of air contaminants.
- Star Chemical Co. of Alexander for outdoor burning of waste material.
- L.H. Bossier Inc. of Alexander for outdoor burning of waste material.
- Parks Wood Products of Pineville for failure to control smoke from its stack and for improper storage of volatile organic compounds.
- Jan Motel of Westlake for outdoor burning of waste material.
- Howard Brothers of Pineville for failure to control smoke and fly ash from its incinerator.