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### **Environmental Trust Created to Manage International Technology Landfills**

Berkeley --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced the creation of an Environmental Trust to assume ownership and management of four California landfills operated by the International Technology (IT) Group, Inc. The landfills are IT Panoche in Solano County, IT Vine Hill in Contra Costa County, IT Montezuma Hills in Solano County, and IT Benson Ridge in Lake County.

IT Group, Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in January 2002, dissolving the corporation. The bankruptcy plan, which was agreed upon by DTSC and other IT Group, Inc. creditors, and was approved by a Delaware Bankruptcy Court on April 4, 2004, was contingent on the adoption of an appropriate Environmental Trust Agreement. The Environmental Trust Agreement and bankruptcy plan became effective April 30, 2004.

“Working in conjunction with the State Attorney General’s Office, we are pleased to announce that we have reached a solution that allows for the continued safe closure and post-closure maintenance of the IT landfills,” said DTSC Director Ed Lowry.

The independent IT Environmental Liquidating Trust (Trust) will assume ownership and operation of all four IT landfills and will be responsible for future environmental post-closure compliance, based upon \$30 million in financial assurance resources for that purpose. In addition, the Trust will hold all applicable regulatory permits.

The Trustee is a former IT employee who has overseen the work for many years. The landfills will continue to be properly maintained in accordance with the post-closure permits.

As part of the agreement, DTSC settled its claim with IT Group Inc. to cover post-closure costs for the landfills. Under terms of the bankruptcy plan, IT Group Inc.’s creditors have agreed that the \$1 million from IT Group Inc.’s bankruptcy estate will fund the initial expenses of the Trust.

Legal documents establishing the Trust are available on the DTSC Web site at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

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Summary of IT California facilities:

[IT Benson Ridge](#): The facility site is located at 7260 Highway 29 in Kelseyville, Lake County. The IT Benson Ridge facility received liquid, sludge, and solid wastes from the geothermal industry in the Geysers area. Approximately 103,000 cubic yards of waste, subsoil, and solidification agents are contained in the Waste Consolidation Area of the facility. DTSC issued a post-closure permit for the facility in 1993.

[IT Montezuma Hills](#): The facility is located at 6292 Little Honker Bay Road in Rio Vista, Solano County. The 84-acre hazardous waste disposal facility accepted liquids, sludge and solid waste from oil and gas exploration and production activities from 1979 through 1986. Consolidation of waste and contaminated soils into an onsite landfill and other related closure activities were completed between 1990 and 1991. DTSC issued the facility a post-closure permit in 1998.

[IT Vine Hill Complex](#): The facility is approximately 71 acres and is located at 896 Waterbird Way in Martinez in Contra Costa County, which is the same address as the former Vine Hill hazardous waste disposal facility. The site is located, between Pacheco Creek and Walnut Creek. Approximately 741,000 cubic yards of landfill waste and contaminated soils are contained in the 26.3-acre containment cell. DTSC issued a post-closure permit to the facility in 2003.

[IT Panoche Facility](#): The facility is located at 2251 Lake Herman Road in Benicia, Solano County. IT occupies approximately 248 acres and at one time contained 45 surface impoundments, two landfills, four waste piles, and five drum burial areas. The facility received between 80,000 and 220,000 tons of waste material per year from 1968 through 1986. A post closure permit was issued to the facility in 2003.

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