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### Environmental Enforcement Brings Money to California

DTSC Enforcement helps to generate \$31 million for California

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced that violators of California’s environmental laws were ordered to pay approximately \$1.2 million for civil criminal and administrative cases and costs in 2012.

The environmental violations include:

- Improper storage of hazardous waste;
- Failure to obtain authorization for onsite treatment of chemicals e.g. cyanide
- Failure to maintain a facility in a manner that minimizes/prevents the release of hazardous waste; and
- Acting as a hazardous waste transporter without valid registration.

“Environmental laws protect communities and companies that handle hazardous wastes respect that,” said DTSC’s Deputy Director for Enforcement Brian Johnson. “Those who do not comply should expect to face the consequences which include financial penalties.”

Click [here](#) for video of DTSC statewide enforcement activities.

Companies that paid fines in 2012 include:

- [Fine Line Circuits and Technology](#), Orange County ordered to pay \$220,000 in June 2012;
- [Pacific Plating](#), Los Angeles, ordered to pay \$220,000 in July 2012;
- [Eagle Recycling](#), Santa Clara County, ordered to pay \$75,000 in February 2012; and
- [Pacific Resource Recovery Services](#), Los Angeles County, ordered to pay \$42,000 in Sept. 2012.

In addition, DTSC’s Office of Criminal Investigations partnered with local agencies and District Attorneys’ offices to investigate hazardous waste violations. DTSC investigators developed information which contributed to separate civil judgments against CVS Pharmacy and Walgreens that resulted in more than \$30 million in penalties, and required the two companies to correct hazardous waste and other environmental violations at their California stores.

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FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES: Contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control by phone at (800) 728-6942 or visit [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov). To report illegal handling, discharge, or disposal of hazardous waste, call the Waste Alert Hotline at (800) 698-6942.

***The Mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.***