I & S Order Issued to Bakersfield Facility

SACRAMENTO---- The California Environmental Protection Agency’s Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced the issuance of an Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order and Remedial Action Order to Gibson Environmental and 39 other potentially responsible parties (PRPs) requiring the development and implementation of a plan to remove hazardous liquids and contaminated soils from the Gibson Environmental Incorporated facility in Bakersfield.

The six-acre Gibson Environmental facility, at 2401 Gibson Street, was used for the storage and treatment of soils and liquids. The facility operated under a permit issued by DTSC in June, 1988 and interim status authorization issued in September, 1990. The permit and the interim status authorization ended on February 4, 1998 when DTSC denied the facility’s permit renewal and permit application.

Gibson stopped hazardous waste management activities at the site in October 1995. Liquid hazardous wastes stored in tanks, and soil piles containing hazardous waste remain on the site. The storage tanks have been deteriorating over time. Some tanks show leakage of contents from their valves. DTSC estimates that approximately 825,000 gallons of liquid hazardous waste remain on the site. Soil piles at the site are exposed to the natural elements with no effective form of wind, runoff or natural soil/groundwater containment to prevent migration of contaminants. In October of 1999, DTSC took samples of liquid hazardous waste and soils at the site.

The order requires the PRPs to conduct a Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study at the site to determine the extent of contamination; prepare and implement a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) (a cleanup plan) for the site; and prepare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents to evaluate the remedial actions approved in the RAP.
In addition, the order requires the following activities to be conducted within thirty days:

- Install a fence and post signs at the site within 30 days. The signs will read: “Caution Hazardous Substances Area Unauthorized Persons Keep Out.”
- Submit a work plan, including a schedule for evaluating site drainage. The work plan should examine drainage within secondary containment and sanitary and storm drain systems at the site.
- Submit a work plan for review and approval by DTSC, to remove all liquid hazardous substances from the site, including but not limited to tanks, sumps, drums, poly containers and facility piping.

Under the order, each PRP may be held liable for penalties of up to $25,000 per day for each day they are out of compliance with any term or condition in the order, as well as punitive damages up to three times the amount of any costs incurred by DTSC as a result of failure to comply.

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DTSC is one of the six boards and departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC’s mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by regulating the management of hazardous waste and promoting reduction.
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25. Lucas Aviation, Inc.  
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