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DTSC Settles Four Hazardous Waste Violation Cases In Southern California

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced it has reached settlements with four Southern California companies: Alpha Environmental (AE), TIN Inc. dba Temple-Inland (TIN), Worldwide Recovery Systems Inc. (WRSI), and Consolidated Waste Industries (CWI) for hazardous waste code violations. AE, WRSI and CWI are all hazardous waste haulers and TIN is a hazardous waste generator.

On March 22, 2005, DTSC reached an \$8,280 settlement with AE for a hazardous waste violation noted by DTSC inspectors during a September 28, 2004 inspection at its facility located at 317 Pomelo Avenue in Brea, Orange County. The violation noted was: holding hazardous waste longer than 10 days at its transfer facility. Under terms of a Consent Order (Order), AE was ordered to pay a total of \$8,280, of which \$6,280 was for administrative penalties, and \$2,000 was for reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC. As part of the settlement, DTSC will reduce AE's original penalty by \$5,000 if two of AE's employees obtain certificates of satisfactory completion of hazardous waste management courses at the California Compliance School (CCS) within 185 days of the effective date of the Order. CCS provides students with "hands-on" instruction on how to comply with hazardous waste statutes and regulations. AE must submit the certificates to DTSC within 185 days of the effective date of the Order or they must pay DTSC the additional \$5,000 within 30 days of the initial 185 day deadline. AE has corrected the violation noted and has paid \$3,280 to DTSC. A copy of the Order finalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Alpha_Environmental/AlphaEnvironmental_ENF_CO.pdf.

On March 10, 2005, DTSC reached an \$8,000 settlement with TIN for a hazardous waste violation noted by DTSC inspectors during a December 8, 2004 inspection of its facility located at 120 East Ross Avenue in El Centro, Imperial County. The violations noted were: storing hazardous waste without an authorization from DTSC; failure to label hazardous waste containers; and failure to keep hazardous waste containers closed while not in use. Under terms of a Consent Order (Order) TIN was ordered to pay a total of \$8,000 settlement of which \$1,700 was for administrative penalties and \$6,300 was for reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC. As part of the settlement, DTSC will reduce TIN's original penalty by \$5,000 if two of its employees obtain certificates of satisfactory completion of hazardous waste management courses at the CCS. TIN must submit the certificates to DTSC within 185 days of the effective date of the Order or they must pay DTSC the additional \$5,000 within 30 days of the initial 185 day deadline. TIN has corrected all violations noted and has paid \$3,000 to DTSC. A copy of the Order finalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/TIN_Inc_dba_Temple_Inland_Inc/TIN-Inc_ENF_%20CO.pdf.

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On March 10, 2005, DTSC reached a \$6,904 settlement with WRSI for a hazardous waste violation noted by DTSC inspectors during a January 10, 2005 inspection at its facility located at 1349 South East End Avenue in Pomona, Los Angeles County. The violation was for holding hazardous waste longer than 10 days at its transfer facility. Under terms of a Consent Order (Order), WRSI was ordered to pay DTSC \$6,904 in administrative penalties. WRSI has corrected the violation noted during the inspection and has paid DTSC the \$6,904 settlement amount. A copy of the Order finalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Worldwide_Recovery_Systems_Inc/WRS_ENF_CO.pdf .

On December 9, 2004, DTSC reached an \$8,067 settlement with CWI for a hazardous waste violation noted by DTSC inspectors during an August 25, 2003 inspection at its facility located at 10680 Silicone Avenue in Montclair, San Bernardino County. The violation was for holding hazardous waste longer than ten days at its transfer facility. Under terms of a Consent Order, CWI was ordered to pay DTSC a total of \$8,067 of which \$6,534.00 is administrative penalties and \$1,533 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC. As part of the settlement, DTSC will reduce CWI's original penalty by \$5,000 if two of its employees obtain certificates of satisfactory completion of hazardous waste management courses at the CCS. CWI must submit the certificates to DTSC within 185 days of the effective date of the Order or they must pay DTSC the additional \$5,000 within 30 days of the initial 185 day deadline. CWI has corrected all violations noted and has paid \$3,067 to DTSC. A copy of the Order finalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/CWI/CWI_ENF_CO.pdf .

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.