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### **DTSC Certifies Federated Metals Site**

Sacramento --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced certification of the hazardous substances cleanup at the former Federated Metals Property site, located at 1901 Cesar Chavez Street in San Francisco.

The DTSC certification means that all environmental cleanup activities required by the Removal Action Workplan approved by DTSC in January 2001 are complete. The \$100,000 cleanup, certified in November 2003, was funded with state monies.

“We are pleased to see this site is now available for industrial or commercial development, and can be reused productively,” said DTSC Director Ed Lowry.

The site was previously owned by Federated Metals Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of ASARCO. Historic operations at the site included the production of lead and brass ingots. Materials used in the production of these ingots were brass and bronze scrap metals, oxides of tin and lead, and pure forms of tin and lead. Oxides formed during the company’s smelting process to produce the ingots were removed and deposited onsite.

DTSC estimates that during Federated Metals Corporation’s operations at the site from 1939 to 1987 approximately 122 cubic yards of lead slag and 1,500 cubic yards of crushed and washed battery boxes (manufactured before 1950) were deposited on the property.

DTSC found elevated levels of lead and mercury in the site’s soil above U.S. EPA industrial soil screening levels, and in spring 2003 the site was graded and paved with asphalt. A deed restriction was placed on the property to limit future uses of the site to industrial or commercial redevelopment.

Bridgeview Management Company, the current property owner, has agreed to maintain the site.

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