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DTSC Receives Judgment for \$61,983 Against American Waste Resources, Inc.

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced a court judgment against American Waste Resources, Incorporated (AWRI) dated March 2004, for hazardous waste violations at its facility located at 16475 McAllister Avenue in Riverside.

The Riverside County Superior Court Judgment (Judgment) allows DTSC to recover \$61,983 from AWRI as provided by an Enforcement Order (Order) issued by DTSC in May 2003. Copies of the Judgment and Order are available on the DTSC Web site at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/American_Waste/American_ENF_Judgement.pdf.

The Judgment stems from violations observed by a DTSC inspector during an inspection of the facility on October 15, 2002. The DTSC inspector cited AWRI for the following violations:

- Transportation of hazardous waste from June 10, 2002 to July 22, 2002 without a valid registration issued by DTSC
- Failure to maintain financial ability to respond to damages resulting from the operation of AWRI from August 11, 2002 to October 20, 2002

AWRI was engaged in the transportation of hazardous waste oil and oil filters. Its latest registration renewal expired on August 31, 2003. The company is no longer in operation.

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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.