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\$50,000 Settlement Reached with U.S. Filter Recovery Services, Inc.

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced a \$50,000 settlement with U.S. Filter Recovery Services, Inc. (USFRS) for hazardous waste violations at its facility at 5375 South Boyle Avenue in the city of Vernon located in Los Angeles County.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order), signed on June 2, 2004 USFRS will pay a total of \$50,000, of which \$30,000 is an administrative penalty and \$20,000 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/US\\_Filter/USfilter\\_ENF\\_SA\\_CO.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/US_Filter/USfilter_ENF_SA_CO.pdf).

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC during inspections in February 2001 and in June and August of 2002. DTSC inspectors noted the following violations:

- Treatment of hazardous waste in unauthorized tanks
- Storage of hazardous waste in unauthorized areas
- Failure to properly record the location of each hazardous waste at the facility and the quantity at each location
- Failure to inspect, test, and maintain overfill prevention controls and alarm systems
- Failure to conduct tank assessments
- Failure to notify DTSC before accepting waste from a foreign source
- Operating record violations

The Order further requires mandatory submittal of permit modifications addressing several of the violations cited. The modifications will include an updated tank inventory, updated plot plan, delineating treatment and storage areas with proposed physical barriers for the wastewater treatment system staging area, a revised operating log, a revised waste analysis plan, and a revised inspection checklist.

USFRS is required to submit an initial permit modification application within 30 days of the date of this Order.

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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.**