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**\$11,000 Settlement Reached with The Ford Store**

Berkeley --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced an \$11,000 settlement with The Ford Store for hazardous waste violations at an automotive body repair shop it operated at 2763 Teagarden Street in San Leandro.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order) signed on June 30, 2004, The Ford Store will pay \$11,000 to DTSC of which approximately \$6,713 is a penalty and approximately \$4,286 is reimbursement of DTSC's costs. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/FordStore/FordStore\\_ENF\\_CO.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/FordStore/FordStore_ENF_CO.pdf).

The settlement stems from violations observed during inspections at the repair shop by DTSC in October 2000 and December 2001. Some of the violations the company was cited for were:

- Improper storage and handling of hazardous waste
- Failure to characterize waste material
- Improper labeling of hazardous waste and containers holding hazardous waste
- Inadequate aisle space
- Failure to properly train employees on waste handling procedure.

In addition, The Ford Store must send two of its employees to hazardous waste management courses at the California Compliance School (CCS). CCS provides students with "hands-on" instruction on how to comply with hazardous waste statutes and regulations. The Ford Store must submit certificates of satisfactory completion of CCS for the two employees to DTSC within 185 days of the effective date of this Order or pay an additional \$5,000 penalty to DTSC.

All violations noted in the Order were corrected before The Ford Store sold the repair shop to the current owner Cook's Collision.

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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.**