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State Files Complaint Against Pacific Aerospace Services, Inc.

Berkeley --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced that a civil complaint has been filed against Pacific Aerospace Services, Inc. (PAS) for hazardous waste violations occurring at its electroplating facility located at 345 McGlincey Lane in the city of Campbell in Santa Clara County.

In the course of its operations, PAS generates hazardous spent electroplating solutions, cyanide and metal-bearing waste rinse waters, and waste cleaning solutions containing dissolved metals.

The civil complaint, filed recently in Alameda County Superior Court by the State Attorney General's Office on behalf of DTSC, seeks unspecified civil penalties and injunctive relief from PAS and its President John Waxler.

The complaint stems from violations observed by DTSC during an inspection of the facility in November 2003. Violations noted were:

- Failure to properly characterize hazardous waste
- Failure to properly label containers holding hazardous waste
- Failure to obtain authorization from DTSC to treat cyanide-bearing wastes onsite
- Storing and treating hazardous waste for longer than 90 days without authorization from DTSC
- Making false statements on the facility information form regarding onsite treatment of cyanide waste
- Failure to prepare a Waste Analysis Plan
- Failure to conduct and document daily inspections of hazardous waste tanks
- Failure to properly train employees
- Failure to obtain a certified assessment of the adequacy of its hazardous waste tanks
- Failure to prepare a closure plan for its hazardous waste treatment unit
- Failure to conduct a phase I Environmental assessment for the site in accordance with State law

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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.**