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\$76,508 Settlement Reached with Golden West Oil Co. Inc.

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reached a settlement with Golden West Oil Co. Inc. (GWO) for hazardous waste violations at its 11040 Cherry Avenue facility in Fontana, San Bernardino County. GWO is registered with DTSC to transport hazardous waste.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order), signed on September 28, 2004, GWO will pay a total of \$76,508 of which \$38,061 is a penalty, \$25,760 is for reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC and \$12,687 is for a supplemental environmental project consisting of a contribution to the California Environmental Enforcement and Training Account. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Golden_West_Oil/Golden-West_ENF_CO.pdf

The settlement stems from violations observed in August 2003 by DTSC inspectors. Violations noted were:

- Transferring and/or storing hazardous waste used oil and/or antifreeze from bobtail tanker trucks to larger capacity dedicated tanker trucks without a permit from DTSC
- Failing to follow consolidated manifesting procedures
- Failing to obtain the date of delivery and the handwritten signature of the owner or operator of the designated facility on manifests
- Negligently making a false statement on a manifest

The California Environmental Enforcement and Training Account provides a supplemental source of funding for environmental enforcement and training for public prosecutors, peace officers, firefighters, and local and state environmental regulators. The account also supports the Circuit Prosecutors Project, a joint partnership of the California Environmental Protection Agency, the California District Attorneys Association and the Department of Fish and Game.

GWO has corrected all violations listed in 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.