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**\$12,000 Settlement Reached with Cole's Services, Inc.**

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced it has reached a settlement with Cole's Service, Inc. (CSI) for hazardous waste violations at its facility at 1620 E. Brundage Lane in Bakersfield, Kern County.

Under terms of a Stipulation and Order (Order), signed on October 25, 2004, CSI will pay a total of \$12,000 in an administrative penalty to DTSC.

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during an inspection at the facility on February 9, 2004. The violations noted were:

- Storing hazardous waste without a permit
- Engaging in truck-to-truck transfer of hazardous waste
- Failing to complete a separate manifest for each date when transporting used oil using the consolidated manifest procedures

As part of the settlement, DTSC will reduce CSI's original penalty of \$12,000 by \$5,000 if one of its employees obtains a certificate of satisfactory completion of 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. CSI must submit the certificate of satisfactory completion to DTSC within 185 days of the effective date of the Order or they must pay DTSC the additional \$5,000 within 30 days after the initial 185 day deadline.

CSI has corrected all violations noted during the inspection.

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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.**