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\$39,000 Settlement Reached With Coffman Specialties, Inc.

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced it has reached a \$39,000 settlement with Coffman Specialties Inc. (CSI), for hazardous waste violations at its maintenance yard facility located at 1795 East Heber Road in Holtville, Imperial County.

Under terms of an Consent Order (Order), signed on December 28, 2004, CSI will pay a total penalty of \$39,000, of which \$25,730.81 is a penalty and \$8,269.19 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC, and \$5,000 is for a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Coffman/CSI_ENF_CO.pdf.

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during inspections at the facility in March, April and July of 2004. Violations noted were:

- Disposing of spent sandblast grit to the ground
- Storing hazardous waste wrapped in plastic in a dump bed
- Failing to properly characterize spent sandblast grit

The \$5,000 for the SEP must be funded within 90 days of this settlement and is for CSI to send at least two of its employees to training in proper hazardous waste management practices. Proof of satisfactory completion must be sent to DTSC within 30 days of completing the class.

CSI has corrected the violations found during the inspections.

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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.