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**SMUD Fleet Repair Shops Recognized for Pollution Prevention Efforts**

Sacramento – B.B. Blevins, Director of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today recognized the efforts of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) for adopting pollution prevention training and techniques at two fleet maintenance facilities which provide service to over 1,400 vehicles. The facilities received certification as Pollution Prevention (P2) Model Shops. SMUD is the largest Municipal Utility District in California to receive the certification. DTSC's Vehicle Service Repair (VSR) program has provided free training and technical assistance to vehicle repair shops throughout the state to help reduce the use of hazardous materials and the amounts of hazardous waste generated by the auto repair industry. The voluntary program provides opportunities to reduce operational costs through environmentally friendly best management practices.

"By participating in the Model Shop Program, SMUD continues to demonstrate its commitment to the environment and joins state and local agencies as a leader in adopting practices which reduce generation of hazardous waste and reduce worker exposure to chemicals while lowering operating costs and enhancing environmental compliance", said Blevins.

The SMUD facilities reduced their hazardous waste by switching to water-based parts and brake washers to eliminate solvent washers, using refillable spray bottles instead of disposable aerosol cans, using re-refined oil and an oil analysis program to increase oil change intervals out past 6,000 miles, and implementing a dry shop spill cleanup method that recycles spilled wastes.

"We are proud to receive this award as recognition of our efforts. Environmental protection is a core value established by the SMUD Board of Directors," said Jan Schori, General Manager of SMUD. "We are committed to improving the environment through our business practices."

SMUD's Central and Fresh Pond maintenance facilities are responsible for maintaining the 1,400 vehicles SMUD owns and operates. Through a cooperative effort by DTSC and SMUD these two facilities are now certified as P2 Model Shops through DTSC's VSR program. SMUD becomes the second California Municipal Utility District to earn this statewide recognition.

Fifty-three (53) individual repair shops, local government, corporations, state garages, and automobile dealerships have achieved DTSC P2 Model Shop status over the past three years as a result of participation in DTSC's VSR program.

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To become a Pollution Prevention Model Shop, an auto repair facility must fulfill a set of requirements which reduce the amount of hazardous waste generated in their shop. The requirements are:

- Completion of pollution prevention training developed by DTSC
- Completion of a pollution prevention assessment of maintenance activities at the facility and implement required pollution prevention processes
- Receive a score of at least 100 points on the pollution prevention model shop checklist
- Resolve any environmental violations which may be occurring at the repair facility

Additional information regarding the VSR program and VSR training materials are available on the DTSC website at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/VSR/index.html> or by calling 1-800-700-5854.

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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.***