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**\$60,000 Settlement Reached With Crosby & Overton, Inc.**

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced that a settlement has been reached with Crosby & Overton, Inc. (C&O) for hazardous waste violations at its 1610 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street facility in Long Beach, Los Angeles County. C&O is a permitted onsite and offsite hazardous waste storage, treatment, and transfer facility.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order) signed on January 6, 2005, C&O will pay DTSC \$60,000 of which \$41,500 is an administrative penalty and \$18,500 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC. A copy of the Order which formalizes the settlement is available on the DTSC website at [www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Crosby-Overton/Crosby-Overton\\_ENF\\_CO.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Crosby-Overton/Crosby-Overton_ENF_CO.pdf). The settlement stems from violations noted by DTSC inspectors during a Compliance Evaluation Inspection in November 2003 and an Enhanced Inspection on August 19, 2004. DTSC inspectors noted the following:

- Unauthorized storage of waste
- Unauthorized treatment of waste
- Failure to maintain secondary containment area surrounding the tank farm, paint consolidation area, filter press, and steam cleaning area
- Inadequate training and training records
- Inadequate inspection logs
- Failure to correct discrepancies in manifests
- Failure to have hazardous waste labels on drums containing hazardous waste
- Open containers of hazardous waste
- Locating ignitable waste less than 50 feet from the property line

C&O is in the process of correcting the violation related to training records, and has corrected all other violations listed in the 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.***