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### **\$35,800 Settlement Reached with Southern California Edison, Arizona Pipeline Company and Metalclad Insulation Corporation**

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced it has reached a \$35,800 settlement with [Southern California Edison](#) (SoCal Edison), [Arizona Pipeline Company](#) (APCo), and [MetalClad Insulation Corporation](#) (Metalclad) for hazardous waste violations.

Under terms of the [Consent Order](#) (Order), signed on December 30, 2004, SoCal Edison, APCo, and Metalclad will pay a total of \$35,800 to DTSC of which \$20,800 is an administrative penalty and \$15,000 is for reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC.

SoCal Edison engaged in a long term project from 1999 to 2003 to remove from its utility poles fire wrap containing asbestos. During the project SoCal Edison determined the resulting fire wrap waste it had been removing had hazardous levels of lead in addition to containing asbestos. SoCal Edison contracted with APCo to oversee the fire wrap removal project. APCo had responsibility for reviewing and approving the manifests that would accompany the fire wrap waste during transportation. SoCal Edison also contracted with Metalclad to physically remove the fire wrap from the poles, bag the fire wrap waste, and properly label the bagged waste material for further transport and disposal.

The settlement stems from violations that occurred on October 15, 2001 during the transportation and disposal of the fire wrap waste. The following violations were noted:

- SoCal Edison and APCo caused the disposal of hazardous waste containing lead to a disposal facility not authorized by DTSC to receive lead hazardous waste
- SoCal Edison and APCo made a false statement on a hazardous waste manifest by failing to note that the waste was hazardous for lead
- Metalclad failed to properly mark or label bags of fire wrap waste as lead contaminated asbestos

SoCal Edison, APCo, and Metalclad adopted and implemented new procedures and training to insure compliance with the regulations of labeling, accumulation, transportation, and hauling of fire wrap waste.

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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.***