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**\$12,000 Settlement Reached with Mr. Julio Brincat**

Sacramento ---The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced it has reached a settlement with Mr. Julio Brincat of Julio Brincat's High Tech for hazardous waste violations. Mr. Brincat's business, located at 1185 Freshwater Road in Williams, Colusa County generates hazardous waste (used oil and lead acid batteries).

Under terms of a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), signed on March 8, 2005, Mr. Brincat will pay a total of \$12,000 in administrative penalties to DTSC. A copy of the Agreement formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC's website at [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Brincat/JULIO\\_ENF\\_SA.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Brincat/JULIO_ENF_SA.pdf).

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during a complaint inspection at the facility on September 26, 2001. The violations noted were:

- Failure to transfer hazardous waste from leaking containers and containers in poor condition to containers in good condition
- Failure to properly manage damaged lead acid batteries in a manner to minimize the release of acid and lead to the environment
- Failure to properly label 20 containers holding hazardous waste

The settlement resolves the enforcement case brought against Mr. Brincat by DTSC in 2002. The Officer of Administrative Hearings ruled in DTSC's favor following a hearing on October 22, 2002. However, Mr. Brincat appealed and the appeal was recently dismissed.

All violations noted during the inspection at Brincat's High Tech have been corrected.

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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.***