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\$400,000 Settlement Reached with SPS Technologies, LLC

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced it has reached a settlement with SPS Technologies, LLC. (SPS) for hazardous waste violations at its facility at 2701 South Harbor Boulevard in Santa Ana, Orange County.

Under terms of a Stipulation for Entry of Final Judgment and Injunction and a Final Judgment and Injunction Pursuant to Stipulation (Judgment), signed on April 20, 2005, SPS will pay a total of \$400,000 in civil penalties to DTSC.

"This settlement, reached with the assistance of the state Attorney General's Office, provides a substantial penalty for violations noted, and ensures that the SPS facility reaches and maintains compliance," said B.B. Blevins, DTSC Director.

SPS Technologies manufactures aerospace fasteners at its 2701 South Harbor Boulevard facility. As part of its manufacturing process, SPS operates a captive metal electroplating process. The electroplating process generates various hazardous wastes that are managed by SPS Technologies, including corrosive wastes, toxic metal-bearing wastes, and hazardous cyanide-bearing wastes.

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during an on-site compliance evaluation inspection conducted at the facility on December 18, 2002. The violations noted were:

- Illegal storage of hazardous waste
- Illegal treatment of hazardous waste
- Failure to obtain chemical and physical analysis of hazardous waste
- Failure to provide separate secondary containment for incompatible hazardous waste
- Failure to inspect tanks containing hazardous wastes
- Failure to maintain security at the hazardous waste treatment area
- Failure to properly label hazardous waste containers
- Failure to properly close hazardous waste containers
- Failure to properly train personnel and maintain appropriate documentation
- Failure to obtain hazardous waste treatment tank assessment by certified engineer

SPS has corrected all violations noted during the 2002 inspection.

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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.