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\$15,000 Settlement Reached with Atlas Pacific Corporation

San Diego -The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reached a settlement with Atlas Pacific Corporation for importing a hazardous waste as a recyclable material. The corporation is a hazardous waste generator with a facility located at 2803 South Industrial Drive, Bloomington, California.

Under the terms of the Consent Order (Order) executed on January 23, 2006, Atlas Pacific corporation agrees to pay a penalty of \$15,000, including \$7,000 to reimburse the Department for administrative costs and \$8,000 in penalties. DTSC will waive \$5,000 in penalties if the corporation's staff attends Compliance School.

A copy of the order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website, www.dtsc.ca.gov.

The settlement stems from a truck-stop inspection of a shipment of copper dross imported by Atlas Pacific Corporation at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry, Tecate facility, on February 11, 2004. The Department alleges the following violations:

- Failed to properly characterize a shipment of 26 cubic yard boxes containing copper waste
- Failed to label or clearly mark 26 hazardous waste containers

Atlas Pacific Corporation, Inc. has corrected the violations and is now operating in a manner that will prevent recurrences of those violations by managing, storing and disposing of waste in accordance with the Hazardous Waste Control Law (Health and Safety Code section 25100 et seq. and title 22, California Code of Regulations, division 4.5).

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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.