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DTSC SETTLES DISPUTE WITH BAY BRIDGE SUBCONTRACTOR

Berkeley – Today the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced a \$145,000 settlement with Robison-Prezioso, Inc. (RPI), an industrial painting contractor that provided lead abatement and recoating work on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. The settlement resolves hazardous waste disposal and transportation violations, as well as violations cited against RPI for making false statements.

Under the terms of the Consent Order (Order) signed on March 29, 2006, RPI will pay a penalty of \$145,000, which includes \$35,000 as reimbursement for costs incurred in this matter. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at www.dtsc.ca.gov

The settlement stems from violations noted by DTSC inspectors at RPI's Bay Bridge storage and staging yard at Treasure Island from 2000-2004, when RPI generated hazardous waste and lead-contaminated paint residues through its work on the Bay Bridge. The violations noted were:

- Releasing and disposing hazardous waste (lead-based paint residues and zinc) on the ground at Treasure Island
- Transporting hazardous waste without the proper authorization from DTSC in September and November of 2004 when RPI personnel moved hazardous paint waste from the Bay Bridge to Pier 50 in San Francisco; and
- Making false statements in letters to DTSC in September and November 2004.

RPI is no longer transporting hazardous waste, and cleanup of the soil contamination at the Treasure Island yard was completed in April 2005

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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.