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### **DTSC reaches settlement with Lodi Chrome over hazardous waste violations**

Sacramento – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reached a settlement agreement with Reggie Mason d.b.a. Lodi Chrome for five violations of hazardous waste management laws revealed during an inspection of its metal plating facility located at 316 North Main Street, Lodi, California. The facility generates hazardous waste in the form of “degreasing sludge” that is recovered from the bottom of an alkaline cleaning tank used to degrease parts before electroplating, and metal-bearing fine powder from chrome polishing operations.

Under the terms of the Stipulation and Order (Order) executed on April 26, 2006, resolving the Enforcement Order issued by DTSC on September 7, 2005, Lodi Chrome agrees to pay a penalty of \$55,000, which includes \$18,750 to reimburse the Department for administrative costs. DTSC will consider payment of \$5,000 in penalties being satisfied if at least one company employee attends California Compliance School. Lodi Chrome may also receive up to \$12,500 additional credit against the penalty by demonstrating that it has expended at least \$25,000 on DTSC approved pollution prevention measures.

During the DTSC inspection on December 22, 2003 the following violations were noted:

- Failure to remove significant quantities of spilled hazardous waste plating bath chemicals from the floor of the facility.
- Failure to properly dispose of hazardous chrome polishing dust spilled on the floor of the facility.
- Failure to make a waste determination for polishing dust generated in chrome polishing operations.

On February 16, 2004 Mr. Mason submitted documentation to DTSC showing that all violations had been addressed or corrected.

A copy of the order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website, [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

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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.***