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**California Department of Toxic Substances Control Recognizes  
Granite Construction for Environmental Stewardship**

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will recognize Granite Construction's fleet repair facility as a Pollution Prevention Model Shop, the first privately-held construction company in California to achieve this distinction. DTSC Chief Deputy Director Leonard Robinson will present the certification on Apr. 12 during a brief ceremony at Granite's French Camp fleet facility. The voluntary program helps participating businesses reduce operational costs by using environmentally friendly best management practices.

Granite's maintenance facility services 300 vehicles and 100 pieces of small equipment. The company successfully reduced its solvent waste generation by implementing water-based cleaning technologies, and reduced the purchase and disposal costs of used oil by approximately 40 percent with its oil analysis program. The company also estimates that it realized an annual disposal savings of \$2,300 by using specialized mops that soak up oil, but not water or anti-freeze.

**Participants:** Granite officials and DTSC Chief Deputy Director Leonard Robinson

**Date & Time:** Thursday, Apr. 12, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Granite Construction Inc.

10500 S. Harlan Rd.

French Camp, Calif.

**Visuals:** Demonstrations of innovative pollution prevention techniques.

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