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## Department Signs Consent Order; Settles Violations at Ramos Environmental Services

SACRAMENTO: The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) of the California Environmental Protection Agency today announced a \$3,500 enforcement action settlement against Ramos Environmental Services for violations revealed in a computerized evaluation of hazardous waste manifest records.

DTSC Director Ed Lowry commented:

This settlement demonstrates how technology can enhance our enforcement program. DTSC's revamped manifest tracking system now enables staff to review, and compare manifests to determine if state laws regarding transportation and storage of hazardous waste have been violated. These technology upgrades help save taxpayer dollars and facilitate better enforcement of our environmental laws.

Ramos Environmental Services has been a registered hazardous waste transporter since 1982, and may transport all types of hazardous waste. The company also owns a hazardous waste storage and disposal facility, located at 1515 South River Road in West Sacramento, which accepts used oil, oily waste water, sludge and contaminated soils.

As a result of manifest data analysis by DTSC, Ramos was cited for the following violations:

Illegal storage of hazardous waste during transportation; and  
Failure to sign manifests for shipments of hazardous waste upon receipt.

Although Ramos and the DTSC were in a dispute about the violations, a settlement was reached to avoid the expense of litigation in which Ramos will pay DTSC \$3,500 within 30 days of the effective date of the consent order.

***DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by regulating the management of hazardous waste and promoting its reduction.***

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"The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov)."