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ECS Refining to Pay Almost \$220,000 for Hazardous Waste Violations

SACRAMENTO - The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced that ECS Refining, LLC, a Santa Clara facility that recycles precious metals and electronic waste, will pay \$218,780 for 26 alleged hazardous waste violations.

DTSC's enforcement and emergency response staff discovered the violations during inspections and referred the case to the Attorney General's Office in March 2014.

The company, which is also a registered hazardous waste transporter, is accused of violations including: unauthorized storage and treatment of hazardous waste; uncertified tanks; failure to repair a leaking unit; incorrect manifests; failure to notify DTSC of the removal and disposal of tanks; failure to conduct weekly inspections of permitted units; failure to provide operating records to DTSC in a timely manner; and exceeding the quantity limit for treatment of hazardous waste on at least 10 different days.

ECS also committed several electronic-waste violations, including: containers used to hold electronic devices were not structurally sound; not dismantling devices over adequate containment; personnel training deficiencies; and failure to comply with federal notification requirements for cathode ray tube (CRT) glass exports to Canada.

The Consent Order can be found [here](#).



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FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES: Contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control by phone at (800) 728-6942 or visit www.dtsc.ca.gov. To report illegal handling, discharge, or disposal of hazardous waste, call the Waste Alert Hotline at (800) 698-6942.

The Mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.