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DTSC Inspections Lead to Enforcement Action Against Roseville Recycling Company

SACRAMENTO - The Sacramento County Superior Court has entered a judgment against Sims Recycling Solutions, Inc. (SRS) in Roseville for violations regarding the mismanagement of hazardous waste.

Under the terms of the judgment the Placer County company will pay the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) a total of \$400,000. Most of the fine will be for penalties, while \$125,000 will be reimbursement of DTSC's costs in investigating and pursuing enforcement.

"Compliance with hazardous waste laws is critical in protecting public health and the environment, and we take these violations very seriously," said Keith Kihara, Chief of DTSC's Enforcement and Emergency Response Division.

The violations include, but are not limited to, the illegal treatment, storage, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste containing mercury, copper, lead, nickel, and zinc, among other compounds, and failure to operate its facility in a manner to minimize the release of hazardous waste.

SRS, whose Roseville location is 200,000 square feet, recycles electronic waste. Among the many items recycled at the facility are televisions, monitors, computer equipment, phones, tablets, cameras, and stereo equipment.

DTSC inspected this facility, located at 8855 Washington Blvd., in 2011, and discovered several violations of the state's Hazardous Waste Control Law. DTSC found additional violations during a 2015 inspection. No violations have been found since the 2015 inspection.

The judgment was filed on Nov. 29. View documents related to the case [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.