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Settlement Reached with El Capitan Oil Company

San Diego --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced a settlement with El Capitan Oil Company that requires the company to send one of its employees to California Compliance School in lieu of paying a \$4,720.00 penalty. The terms of the settlement are described in a Consent Order (Order) that was fully executed on June 7, 2002.

“Ensuring compliance is the first defense in protecting the public from the dangers associated with hazardous waste and fosters positive hazardous waste management practices,” said Ed Lowry, DTSC Director.

The Order resolves violations alleged as a result of an August 3, 2001 complaint inspection of the facility located at 11427 Woodside Avenue in Santee. DTSC inspectors cited the company for accepting waste oil from off-site customers in quantities more than 20 gallons per shipment and storing the oil in a 550 gallon above ground tank without a permit or authorization from the DTSC.

El Capitan Oil Company is an independently owned gas/fuel station and a motor/lube oil distributor. The company was acquired by Attisha Enterprise in July 2001. The practice of accepting more than 20 gallons per shipment of waste oil from off-site customers was a continuation of the operations of the previous owner.

The California Compliance School is a joint effort between DTSC and the California Community Colleges’ is designed to help facilities achieve and maintain compliance with state hazardous waste laws and regulations.

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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.

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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.”