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### **Pacific Steel, Inc. to Pay \$138,000 to Settle Hazardous Waste Violations**

**SACRAMENTO** - The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the California Attorney General's Office announced that Pacific Steel, Inc. (PSI), a scrap metal recycler in National City, will pay \$138,000 dollars to settle hazardous waste violations. The ruling was finalized by a superior court judge in San Diego County on Jan. 5.

The violations at the PSI facility were found by DTSC between 2010-13. As part of the corrective action, PSI completed the removal of approximately 8,000 tons of federally-regulated contaminated soil. As part of prior corrective actions, PSI completed the removal of 27,000 tons of state-regulated contaminated soil.

PSI's violations included the following: unlawfully stored hazardous waste at six soil piles; unlawfully treated contaminated soil; and unlawfully disposed of contaminated soil.

DTSC had previous enforcement action against the facility in 2004 when PSI paid DTSC \$235,000 for hazardous waste violations as part of that agreement. DTSC found that PSI had violated some terms of that agreement during the inspections from 2010-13.

Documents pertaining to this case 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](http://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.***