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## **Ironman Parts and Services to Pay \$45,000 for Illegal Disposal of Toxic Diesel Exhaust Filter Dust**

**SACRAMENTO**-The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Riverside County District Attorney's Office have announced a court-approved settlement agreement with Ironman Parts and Services stemming from its unlawful disposal of hazardous waste.

AFS, Inc., doing business as Ironman Parts and Services at 2535 Anselmo Drive in Corona, specializes in retrofitting engines to comply with California diesel emissions regulations.

The company will pay \$30,000 in civil penalties for two counts of illegal hazardous waste disposal and will reimburse DTSC \$15,000 in investigative costs.

In 2009, DTSC criminal investigators began a two-year investigation of the company after being alerted by the California Air Resources Board about potential wrongdoing. DTSC investigators discovered that the company illegally disposed of dust left in its diesel particulate filters by putting the dust into dumpsters. The dust is a hazardous waste due to extremely high levels of copper, zinc and chromium, and needed to be managed as hazardous waste under California's Hazardous Waste Control Law.

"The reduction of diesel exhaust and the proper disposal of the diesel particle dust is critical in safeguarding our communities," said DTSC's Chief Counsel and head of the Office of Criminal Investigations, Reed Sato. "DTSC will continue to partner with our sister agencies and local law enforcement to protect communities from this type of health risk."

Settlement documents 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.***