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Gallo Glass Agrees to Pay \$2 Million for Violations of Hazardous Waste Laws

SACRAMENTO – Gallo Glass Co., which operates a glass bottle manufacturing plant in Modesto, will pay \$2 million to settle alleged violations of California’s hazardous waste laws, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced today.

The California Attorney General’s Office filed the settlement on behalf of DTSC in Alameda County Superior Court. Gallo agreed to pay \$2 million in penalties for alleged violations discovered during multiple inspections.

The settlement stemmed from a complaint filed in February 2015 and an amended complaint filed April 12, 2015, that alleged the company violated various provisions of the hazardous waste control law, including illegal management and disposal of dust containing lead, arsenic, cadmium and selenium at its facility. The contaminated dust was collected from air pollution control equipment used to capture regulated pollutants that are emitted from the glass-making furnaces. The pollutants would otherwise be released into the environment. The dust must be properly managed and disposed of under California law.

DTSC also alleged that Gallo:

- Illegally stored, treated and disposed of hazardous waste at various areas in the facility
- Failed to minimize releases of hazardous waste to the environment
- Inadequately trained staff to handle hazardous waste at the facility
- Failed to notify DTSC of various fires that occurred at its facility between 2006 and 2011

“Compliance with hazardous waste laws is fundamental to protecting the health of the community, workers and the environment,” said Keith Kihara, chief of DTSC’s enforcement division. “We are encouraged that Gallo is working with us to ensure that it complies with California’s hazardous waste laws.”

As a condition of the settlement, Gallo will take a number of steps designed to prevent future violations, including better labeling and tracking of hazardous waste and maintaining best practices to manage hazardous waste and used oil.

The majority of the penalty will go into DTSC’s Orphan Site Fund. The account funds cleanup of sites that are not on the National Priorities List, but where hazardous substances still pose an environmental or public health threat and the parties responsible for the contamination are unknown, or unwilling or unable to pay for the cleanup.

Court documents related to the settlement are available [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 resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.