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Green Job Training Program Supported by Department Settlement Provides \$255,000 to Richmond BUILD

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will provide \$255,000 to the “Richmond BUILD” green technology job training and placement program as a part of a [\\$510,000 enforcement settlement reached with Zeneca Inc., and the University of California](#) resolving alleged violations of hazardous waste management laws at the former Zeneca property and the adjacent UC Richmond Field Station.

“The payment to Richmond BUILD fulfills one of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s environmental goals of investing environmental enforcement settlements in the communities where the alleged violations occurred,” said Acting DTSC Director Maziar Movassaghi. “This settlement resolves alleged environmental violations of the past, and provides the foundation for green careers of the future – an impact that will span far beyond the site’s fence line,” Movassaghi added.

The Richmond BUILD program, established in May 2007, received international recognition as an exemplary green collar job training program with a curriculum including basic electrical, safety and CPR, power tools, framing, sheet rock, roofing, scaffolding, basic plumbing, basic welding and solar installation. To date, Richmond BUILD graduates have a 90 percent job placement rate.

The \$510,000 settlement resolves alleged violations of various hazardous waste laws, including: excavation, treatment, off-site disposal and/or placement of contaminated soil on the former Zeneca property during 2002-2005 cleanup activities at the sites.

In June 2007, DTSC issued a summary of violations to Zeneca and a separate summary of violations to UC alleging that each had violated hazardous waste control laws. In March 2009, DTSC followed up with more detailed issued investigative reports regarding specific violations.

Under the terms of the Consent Agreement reached with DTSC, Zeneca will pay DTSC \$112,500 in civil penalties and \$112,500 to the Richmond BUILD program. UC will pay \$142,500 in civil penalties and \$142,500 to Richmond BUILD. All payments will be made within 60 days.

The agreement does not affect the ongoing obligations of UC and Zeneca to comply with the requirements of DTSC site investigation and cleanup orders.

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Past industrial uses at the sites resulted in mercury, arsenic and copper contamination in surface / subsurface soil and adjacent marsh lands. The California Cap Company used the UC site from the 1800s to 1950 to produce mercury fulminate, blasting caps and detonators. Stauffer Chemical Company and later Zeneca Inc. used the former Zeneca site, now known as Campus Bay, to manufacture sulfuric acid and later pesticides from the late 1800s until the late 1990s.

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The mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to protect public health, safety, and the environment from toxic harm.