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**MADIGAN: SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FACTORY AGREES TO PAY
PENALTY FOR VIOLATING HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS**

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that a Massac County manufacturer has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$25,000 to resolve hazardous waste handling and other violations alleged in a July 2005 lawsuit filed by her office.

Laidlaw Corporation manufactures wire hangers and dry cleaning chemicals at 5326 Industrial Park Road in Metropolis. In the proposed agreement, submitted April 28 for approval by the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB), Laidlaw admits to the violations contained in Madigan's suit concerning record keeping, storage and permitting regarding leftover paint from its manufacturing process. Waste profile records Laidlaw itself maintained at the facility showed that the waste paint contained chromium, a hazardous waste. Madigan's suit also alleged Laidlaw's workforce was not adequately trained to properly dispose of hazardous paint and the company improperly allowed waste paint to accumulate on site beyond 90 days, which requires a permit that Laidlaw did not have.

Madigan said that Laidlaw has informed her office and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that waste paint is now shipped back to the paint supplier and that plant employees receive annual training on hazardous waste management procedures.

Assistant Attorney General Kristen Laughridge Gale is handling the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

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