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MADIGAN: PREMCOR TO CLEAN UP 51 LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND PAY \$500,000 PENALTY

Chicago - Attorney General Lisa Madigan today said an agreement was entered in Cook County Circuit Court that requires Premcor Refining Group, Inc., to pay a \$500,000 civil penalty to the State of Illinois for petroleum releases from leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs) at 51 sites in 41 Illinois cities.

In addition, Premcor also must clean up contaminated soil and groundwater at all 51 sites by 2011. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) will verify clean-up at each site after it is completed.

As part of the settlement, Premcor must perform an environmentally beneficial project at a total cost of \$562,343 to remove 35 underground storage tanks at nine separate service station locations in Illinois by 2011. Premcor currently is not required by law to remove these tanks, and performance of this project is expected to prevent potential future releases of petroleum into the environment. If Premcor does not spend all of the money in removing the 35 underground storage tanks, it must spend the remainder of the money on another state-approved project, or pay the remainder to Illinois' Environmental Protection Trust Fund.

“We are pleased that Premcor will clean up petroleum contamination at these 51 sites within five years. This timely cleanup will improve the quality of the soil and groundwater and will protect the health of people who live near these sites,” Madigan said.

In May 2005, Madigan filed suit against Premcor, formerly known as Clark Refining & Marketing, Inc., alleging that LUSTs had contaminated soil and groundwater at 27 former Clark facilities throughout Illinois. Madigan's suit alleged that the releases of gasoline and other petroleum products resulted in elevated levels of benzene, a known human carcinogen. Today's settlement with Premcor adds 24 former service station locations to the 27 originally identified in the May 2005 complaint.

Assistant Attorney General Katherine Hausrath is handling the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau. The following list identifies the former Clark stations included in today's consent order.

LOCATION	CITY

108 West 6th Street	Kewanee
4201 4th Avenue	Moline
2641 7th Avenue	Rock Island
2005 Madison Avenue	Granite City
6800 State Street	East St. Louis
901 Dundee Ave	Elgin
Junc Rts 23 & 66	Pontiac
1001 Camp Jackson Road	Cahokia
1092 W Grand	Decatur
625 North Elm	Centralia
3051 Washington Road	Granite City
1550 E Pershing Rd	Decatur
1012 W Main	Carbondale
634 S Poplar St	Centralia
315 North Main	Benton
301 West Market	Bloomington
216 North Main	Normal
Main & 30th	Quincy
134 South Sterling	Streator
341 Waukegan Ave	Highwood
3215 Auburn St	Rockford
310 West Main Street	Salem
419 South Buchanan	Edwardsville
256 West Main	Shelbyville
73 Airline Drive	Rosewood Heights
6101 South Cass Avenue	Westmont
703 South 1st Street	Silvis
750 Glenwood Dyer Road	Glenwood
Charleston Avenue	Mattoon
326 East Poplar Street	Harrisburg
1608 South Banker Street	Effingham
3802 Highway 11	Pontoon Beach
651 North Independence	Romeoville
1401 Kings Highway	Washington Park
415 Virginia St	Crystal Lake

575 Lake St	Bartlett
3111 W. Rte 120	Mc Henry
1309 Washington St	Washington
105 E. Van Buren	Clinton
115 W. Pershing	Decatur
3740 E. William	Decatur
2895 S. Franklin St	Decatur
102 E. Pershing	Decatur
Box 846, 204 Lombard	Mahomet
4709 Sterling Road	Peoria
4805 War Memorial Drive	Peoria
3907 N. Sheridan	Peoria
101 W. Irving Park Rd	Bensenville
2401 Dempster Rd	Evanston
645 N. Independence	Romeoville
2101 N Lewis	Waukegan

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