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### **MADIGAN: SALVAGE BUSINESS WILL PAY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS, CLEAN UP OPEN DUMP SITE**

Chicago - Attorney General Lisa Madigan today said an Iroquois County business has been ordered to pay a civil penalty and assume the cleanup costs at an open dump site in neighboring Vermilion County.

A consent order entered September 29 in Iroquois County Circuit Court assessed a civil penalty of \$2,500 against Milford Auto Parts, 902 N. State Route 1, Milford, after the business admitted to the violations contained in a lawsuit filed earlier this year by Madigan's office.

The order includes a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) that requires Milford to remove and dispose of debris at an open dump on property south of the intersection of Routes 9 and 49 near Rankin. The cleanup will include the removal and proper disposal to a Hoopeston landfill of used and waste tires, solid waste, house trailers and old vehicles at a projected cost to Milford Auto Parts of \$9,500.

"The SEP is an important facet of this case in that this business will now restore a blighted area left behind by an unknown and irresponsible environmental offender," Madigan said.

Last March, Madigan filed suit against Milford Auto Parts for alleged environmental violations following a 2003 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) inspection that revealed (1) used oil drained and placed in an unmarked tank, (2) approximately 1,700 used tires and (3) a pallet of used batteries found at the site. Spots in the snow at the site also revealed a small amount of green liquid had pooled underneath a car crusher at the automotive and salvage business. In 2004, IEPA inspectors returned to find numerous areas of soil stained by spilled oil that had not been cleaned up, removed or analyzed. In addition, oil had leaked from an unlabeled tank, and open burning was evident at the site along with refuse both inside and outside of garbage bags that littered the site. The IEPA acknowledged that Milford acted promptly to correct the violations following both inspections.

Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Bonkowski is handling the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

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