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**MADIGAN: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT INCLUDES \$26,000 IN
PENALTIES FOR TOWER PAINTING INCIDENT**

Chicago - Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that combined civil penalties totaling \$26,000 would be assessed against the water utility that serves Alton and the contractor it hired in 2004 to repaint a storage tank for allowing lead-based paint chips and grit to fly off the structure as old paint was improperly removed.

Madigan filed suit in December 2005 against Illinois-American Water Co and Moore Painting Co, 4522 Alton Commercial Parkway. The suit alleged air and water pollution and waste disposal and hazardous waste violations after lead-based chips accumulated at the base of the Cardinal Street storage tank in Alton as well as on a vacant lot east of the tank, a residential backyard to the south and on a street to the north.

Under the proposed settlement filed October 11 with the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB), Moore Painting Co. - the firm Illinois-American hired to paint the water tower - would pay \$16,800 and Illinois-American Water Co. would pay \$9,200 in civil penalties. Madigan noted that the immediate area where the release took place has been cleaned of potentially hazardous materials.

Assistant Attorney General Javonna Homan is handling the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

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