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MADIGAN: BUREAU COUNTY COMPANY ORDERED TO CLEAN UP AREA THAT HOUSED HAZARDOUS WASTES

Chicago - Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that under a court order, a Bureau County manufacturer will undertake a work plan to properly clean up an area where it illegally stored hazardous paint residue and other wastes without a permit.

TCI Manufacturing & Equipment Sales, Inc., 28524 1250 East St., Walnut, also will pay a civil penalty of \$65,000 under terms of a consent order filed in Bureau County Circuit Court.

“The company has taken steps to correct some very serious violations and is on notice to adhere to a strict schedule to assure my office and the Illinois EPA that the order is carried out to the letter,” Madigan said.

Last March, Madigan filed an amended complaint charging TCI with violations that arose from spray painting operations which, according to Madigan, produced a Xylene-based paint and solvent material that is classified as hazardous waste. Madigan’s suit maintained the company stored the waste beyond allowable time limits, without proper labeling and without a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency identification number. In addition, TCI was accused of failing to perform special waste and hazardous waste determinations on the stored waste and to comply with disposal requirements and procedures.

The court order also requires that the company complete work as detailed in a Statement of Work included in the consent order. Among the requirements, TCI must submit a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Closure Plan for the area where the hazardous waste was stored for more than 90 days. TCI also must submit quarterly reports to the IEPA describing the progress made in achieving final cleanup and closure of the former storage area.

Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Tomas is handling the case for Madigan’s Environmental Bureau.

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