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ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY GAS STATION OWNER AFTER LEAK

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced a settlement with a Lake County gas station following a gasoline leak in January that caused soil and groundwater contamination and vapors to enter nearby residents' homes.

The consent order was entered in Lake County Circuit Court with Shri Balaji Inc., the owner and operator of a Mobil station in Barrington, Ill. The settlement requires the company to pay civil penalties for alleged violations of state environmental laws and take steps to address the contamination from the gasoline leak earlier this year.

"This order will protect the community by ensuring that the company will identify and remediate any remaining contamination," Madigan said.

Under the consent order, the company will pay a civil penalty of \$20,000. The order also requires the defendant to evaluate the extent of the contamination in soil and groundwater and submit a proposed remediation plan to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The defendant is required to conduct regular sampling and monitoring of the soil and groundwater and report results to the EPA.

The EPA referred the case to Madigan's office after an inspector responding to residents' complaints of a gasoline-like odor found evidence of a gasoline leak at the Mobil station.

Assistant Attorneys General Stephen Sylvester and Sammy David handled the case for Madigan's Environmental Bureau.

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