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Sav-On Plating of Arizona, Inc. to Pay \$60,000 Penalty to Resolve Hazardous Waste Violations in ADEQ Plating Initiative

PHOENIX (Feb. 8, 2011) – The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Arizona Attorney General's Office announced today that Sav-On Plating of Arizona, Inc. will pay a \$60,000 penalty as part of a consent judgment entered in Maricopa County Superior Court for hazardous waste violations at its South Phoenix plating facility.

The company, located at 17 W. Watkins Road, was cited for a total of 11 violations following an ADEQ inspection in February 2009. During that inspection, liquid containing chromium was observed seeping from a corroded tank and pooling on the floor.

The violations against Sav-On Plating included disposal of hazardous waste without a permit, having an open container of hazardous waste, failure to have a contingency plan, improper storage of universal waste lamps and failure to adequately mark universal waste.

The settlement with Sav-On Plating brings to 11 the number of electroplating facilities in Arizona brought into compliance with hazardous-waste rules under ADEQ's "Plating Initiative."

ADEQ launched the Plating Initiative in 2008 after facility inspections beginning in 2004 determined that many facilities were not in compliance with the Arizona Hazardous Waste Act, which regulates hazardous waste in the state.

"Their unlawful management of hazardous waste put employees and the community at risk but the company has stepped up and improved the way it does business," ADEQ Acting Director Henry Darwin said.

"Any company handling hazardous waste needs to rigorously comply with state standards to protect the health of our citizens and our environment," Attorney General Tom Horne said.

The consent judgment is subject to court approval.

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