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## **Fuel Processing Operators to Pay \$10,000 for Air Quality Violations in Maricopa County**

PHOENIX (May 8, 2009) – Fuel Processing Operators, LLC will pay \$10,000 under a Civil Consent Judgment with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) for air quality violations at its facility in El Mirage, ADEQ Acting Director Patrick Cunningham announced today.

The Maricopa County company refines mixed petroleum byproducts that occur during pipeline delivery, or "transmix," into usable products such as gasoline and diesel fuel. In August 2007, ADEQ inspectors discovered that the company was operating without an air quality control permit. The company's permit had expired in June 2007.

ADEQ had earlier issued a Notice of Violation to the company for failing to renew the permit. Under the Consent Judgment, the company will operate under the Consent Judgment using the terms and conditions of the expired permit, which will be enforced by ADEQ. According to ADEQ's inspection, the facility has been in compliance with the expired permit. The company has now applied for a new permit.

"Fuel Processing Operators' failure to renew its air quality control permit is a fundamental violation in our system of voluntary compliance, and a major concern to ADEQ and the local community," ADEQ Acting Director Patrick Cunningham said. "The penalty shows that the most basic requirement in Arizona environmental law, renewing a permit before continuing to release air contaminants, must be followed."

The Consent Judgment is subject to court approval.