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All Pro Industrial of Tempe to Pay $40,000 Penalty to Resolve Hazardous Waste Violations at Paint Plant

PHOENIX (Oct. 12, 2011) – The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and Arizona Attorney General’s Office announced today that All Pro Industrial, 1531 W. 17th St. in Tempe, has agreed to pay a $40,000 penalty for hazardous waste violations at its paint production plant.

The All Pro plant formulates paint and powder-coat products and finishes parts to the specifications of its customers. It has an overlay and powder-coating operation and multiple metal parts surface treatment operations.

During inspections of the facility by ADEQ’s Hazardous Waste Inspections and Compliance Unit in February and March 2008, compliance officers observed a number of violations at the plant including open hazardous waste containers, failure to store hazardous waste containers at least 50 feet from its property line, handling hazardous waste without a permit and failure to comply with emergency preparedness requirements and list emergency coordinators.

Also, All Pro was cited for failure to maintain adequate aisle space between containers, failure to document proper inspections and mark and date hazardous waste containers and failure to comply with personnel training requirements.

All Pro Industrial was issued a notice of violation by ADEQ in June 2008.

“The company had a number of serious violations that potentially affected its workers and the surrounding environment,” ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. “But the company has stepped up and improved the way it does business.”

“Arizona companies must comply with the requirements that guide hazardous waste handling and disposal,” said Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne.

The consent judgment is subject to court approval.