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## **The Carwasher Inc. of the Valley to Pay \$14,901 Penalty to Resolve Underground Storage Tank Violations**

PHOENIX (Oct. 24, 2011) – The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Arizona Attorney General's Office announced today that The Carwasher, Inc. of the Valley has agreed to pay a \$14,901 civil penalty for violations of Arizona rules concerning leaking underground storage tanks.

In August 2007, the company removed three 10,000-gallon underground storage tanks from its facility, located at 7501 E. Indian School Rd., in Scottsdale. During the removal process, releases from the tanks were discovered. ADEQ inspectors were able to confirm through laboratory results that the tanks had two unleaded gasoline releases and a notice of violation was issued in March 2009.

ADEQ issued a compliance order to the company in August 2009 requiring it to submit a site characterization work plan to address cleanup of the gasoline, but The Carwasher, Inc. failed to submit that plan. Notices of violation were issued for not submitting the plan and for failure to comply with the requirements of an administrative order.

“Companies involved in removing leaking underground storage tanks need to make sure that they follow the proper procedures for environmental compliance,” ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. “We have a long-standing practice of trying to work these issues out without going to court. But when a company refuses to work cooperatively with us, we have no other choice but to take it to court.”

“Arizona companies must comply with the requirements that protect our soil and groundwater from contamination from these tanks,” said Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne.

The consent judgment is subject to court approval.