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Mission Linen Supply Agrees to $45,000 Settlement for not having Air Quality Permit at its Facility in Flagstaff

PHOENIX (May 18, 2012) – The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and Arizona Attorney General’s Office announced today that Mission Linen Supply of Santa Barbara, Calif., has agreed to a $45,000 settlement for not having an air quality permit for its facility in Flagstaff.

ADEQ inspected the Mission Linen Supply plant in January 2011 and inspectors found that the facility was operating a variety of equipment -- including an industrial boiler, three commercial dryer units and a steam finisher -- without a permit.

A notice of violation was issued by ADEQ to Mission Linen Supply in March 2011 for operating the facility without an air quality permit. Mission Linen Supply promptly submitted a permit application to ADEQ and returned to compliance in May 2011.

“Companies need to do the proper review of their operations to insure that they are in compliance with environmental laws,” ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. “But Mission Linen Supply came into compliance promptly after the violation was identified.”

“Arizona companies must comply with the requirements that protect our air quality,” said Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne. “This settlement is a reasonable resolution for a company that operated improperly.”

Mission Linen Supply provides products, services, and supplies to medical and commercial facilities. The company has 52 facilities in Arizona, California, New Mexico, Texas and Oregon.

The consent judgment is subject to Maricopa County Superior Court approval.

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