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### **SHIRLEY ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING ASSESSED PENALTIES OF \$125,000 FOR VIOLATIONS OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TESTING**

**SACRAMENTO**-After a year long investigation, Shirley Environmental Testing was assessed penalties of \$125,000 for not properly conducting annual monitoring certification testing on underground storage tanks (UST). Shirley is headquartered in Waukesha, Wisconsin and has West Coast headquarters in Rancho Cucamonga.

Underground storage tanks containing petroleum products are required to be inspected annually to verify that the UST systems are in compliance with all California UST laws and regulations.

The investigation and joint enforcement action was conducted by the California Attorney General's Office, the San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department, the San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office and the State Water Resources Control Board's Office of Enforcement. A Stipulated Judgment was entered into the San Joaquin County Superior Court on May 27, 2007.

Allegations in the complaint said that Shirley Environmental Testing did not properly conduct annual monitoring certification testing on UST systems throughout California. The investigation began after an inspection was conducted by the San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department.

The judgment orders Shirley Environmental Testing to pay \$125,000 in penalties and will be allocated as follows:

- \$60,000 to the State Water Board Underground Storage Tank Tester Account;
- \$32,500 to the San Joaquin District Attorney's Office; and
- \$32,500 to the California Department of Justice.

Also, Shirley Environmental Testing has agreed to reimburse the agencies \$26,957.20 for the costs of the investigation.

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