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Settlement Reached With West Sacramento Company For Unlicensed Tank Testing

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SACRAMENTO – The Sacramento County Superior Court has approved a stipulated judgment, filed by the California Attorney General’s Office, on behalf of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), resolving allegations that BZ Service Station Maintenance, Inc. (BZ), owner Paul E. Ensele, and service technicians James A. Williams and Rhome M. Desbiens allegedly performed tank tests without the required tank tester’s license and appropriate manufacturer’s training certificate.

Under the terms of the stipulated judgment, BZ paid \$30,000 in civil penalties. In addition, BZ agrees that it will not perform tank integrity testing unless their tester possesses both a valid State Water Board tank tester’s license and a training certificate from the appropriate testing equipment manufacturer.

In business since 1971, BZ is a privately owned West Sacramento company that provides underground storage tank design, construction, maintenance, and testing services to gas stations in the greater Sacramento area.

The investigation was conducted by the State Water Board’s Office of Enforcement with assistance from Sacramento County Environmental Management Department, Yolo County District Attorney Consumer and Environmental Unit, El Dorado County Environmental Management, and Yolo County Environmental Health.

This settlement is the latest in a series of enforcement actions that the State Water Board’s Office of Enforcement, represented by the California Attorney General’s Office, has brought against violators of California’s underground storage tank laws. A copy of the settlement can be found on the State Water Board’s website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/orders_actions.shtml

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