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**BUSINESS PAYS \$375,000
TO SETTLE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION CASE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that his office has settled an environmental protection case against Quinn Group, Inc., and two of its subsidiaries, Quinn Company and Alta Lift, Inc. The businesses improperly transported and disposed of contaminated waste (such as containers with residual oil and transmission fluid, coolant, brake pads and similar items) at the Sun Street Transfer Station in Salinas. A subsequent investigation of Quinn's business practices with regard to its handling of hazardous waste was expanded to include a review of the training of Quinn's employees in dealing with hazardous materials and waste.

Quinn cooperated with the prosecutor during the investigation. Without admitting any wrongdoing, Quinn agreed to pay a total of \$375,000.00. These payments include \$200,000.00 in civil penalties, \$100,000.00 for the costs of enforcement and \$75,000.00 for the use of the Environmental Health Division of the Monterey County Department of Health to fund educational outreach on environmental matters for county businesses and residents. The terms of the settlement provide for a permanent injunction. Quinn also agreed to provide its employees with a specific formal training regimen in the care and handling of hazardous materials and waste.

The case was initially investigated by Eric Mangahis, Matt Fore and Mark Holt of the Environmental Health Division. A follow-up investigation was conducted by the Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Office brings actions such as these to ensure that businesses comply with their legal responsibilities to safeguard the environment.