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## **7 California Companies Penalized For Failing to Report 285 Tons of Hazardous Waste**

SAN FRANCISCO -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has fined seven California companies for not filing biennial hazardous waste reports with the Agency. The companies, listed below, are located throughout the state in the cities of South San Francisco, Burbank, Alameda, Irvine, Anaheim, Arleta, and Sausalito.

Even in very small amounts, hazardous waste can cause severe health effects. The federal Resource and Conservation Act requires companies that generate more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste or more than 2.2 pounds of acute hazardous waste a month to report every other year to the EPA the quantities, types, and dispositions of their hazardous wastes.

As a result of these actions, the seven companies reported more than 285 tons of hazardous waste to the EPA. In addition to filing their missing biennial hazardous waste reports, last month each company paid a fine of \$2,500.

“The biennial reports provide the EPA, the state, and local communities with important information on what hazardous wastes are generated and stored in their communities,” said Jeff Scott, director of the EPA’s Waste Management Division for the Pacific Southwest region. “We would like to see all companies meet the upcoming March 1, 2010 deadline rather than be subject to enforcement and fines for failing to report.”

The reports collect information about the changes in waste volume and toxicity that can be used to measure the impact of the EPA’s efforts in the area of pollution prevention and waste minimization. The data is also used to evaluate the effect of regulations and policies on companies that generate hazardous waste.

In 2008, approximately 2,400 California companies filed their 2007 reports. The deadline for filing the 2009 report is March 1, 2010.

The companies that recently settled with the EPA are:

Achaogen, Inc. - 7000 Shoreline Ct., Suite 371, South San Francisco

Ameriflight, Inc. - 4700 Empire Avenue, Burbank

Bioneer Inc. - 1000 Atlantic Ave Suite 102, Alameda

Ceradyne, Inc. - 1922 Barranca Pkwy, Irvine

Copper Clad Multilayer Products, Inc. - 1150 No. Hawk Circle, Anaheim

Golden State M & P Lab, Inc - 9301 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Arleta

Heath Ceramics - 400 Gate 5 Rd., Sausalito

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/inforesources/data/biennialreport/index.htm>