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Southern Calif. plant agrees to reduce chemical use to settle hazardous waste violations

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U.S. EPA settles with ITT Industries over hazardous waste violations at Santa Ana plant ***Terms include fine and \$25,000 waste reduction project***

LOS ANGELES - Under the terms of a hazardous waste settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, electrical parts manufacturer ITT Industries must pay a \$6,750 fine and fund a \$25,400 project that will reduce chemical use and the amount of waste generated from its Santa Ana, Calif. plant,

In January 2005, the EPA inspected the Santa Ana facility. Based upon a January 2005 inspection, the EPA alleges that ITT Industries committed the following hazardous waste violations:

- Storing hazardous waste without a permit;
- Failure to close containers of hazardous waste;
- Failure to maintain adequate aisle space.



ITT, a Santa Ana, Calif. electrical parts manufacturer agreed to pay a fine, reduce chemical use, and generate less waste.

"ITT Industries had serious violations that have now been corrected," said Jeff Scott, director of Waste Programs for the EPA Pacific Southwest Region. "We are pleased that ITT Industries is taking this opportunity to also reduce the amounts of hazardous waste it creates which is good for the environment and benefits human health."

ITT Industries has since rectified the violations.

ITT Industries produces electrical connectors at its Santa Ana facility for commercial and military purposes.

Firms that handle hazardous waste must engage in proper waste handling and storage programs to prevent spills and safeguard worker health. The EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act oversees how to safely manage and dispose of solid and hazardous waste generated nationwide. For more information on the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act program, please visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/basics/cleanup.html#rcra>

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