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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) today approved penalties totaling $657,752 against 68 regulated entities for violations of state environmental regulations.

Agreed orders were issued for the following enforcement categories: two agricultural, 20 air quality, two dry cleaner, one licensed irrigator, five multi-media, three municipal solid waste, six municipal waste discharge, nine petroleum storage tank, five public water system, four water quality, and two water right. There were three field citations. In addition, default orders were issued for the following categories: two licensed irrigator, one petroleum storage tank, one public water system, one wastewater operator certification, and one water right. Penalties were also assessed in a municipal solid waste action following a hearing at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Included in the total were fines against Valero Refining-Texas, L.P. of Galveston County, in the amount of $181,200, for unauthorized emissions on February 20, 2005. Of that fine total, a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) of $90,600 will be provided to the Houston-Galveston AERCO’s Clean Cities-Clean Vehicles Program, in Galveston County.

The TCEQ’s next agenda meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2009. Agenda items from all commission meetings and work session agendas can be viewed on the TCEQ Web site. The meeting is also webcast live for free, and archived meetings are available, at TexasAdMin.com.