TCEQ approves fines totaling $748,674

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Wednesday, September 29, 2010 - Valero Refining-Texas L.P. in Galveston County fined $186,400

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality today approved penalties totaling $748,674 against 69 regulated entities for violations of state environmental regulations.

Agreed orders were issued for the following enforcement categories: ten air quality, one dry cleaner, two industrial hazardous waste, three industrial waste discharge, two licensed irrigator, one multi-media, two municipal solid waste, 12 municipal waste discharge, 24 petroleum storage tank, nine public water system, and one sludge.

In addition, default orders were issued for one licensed irrigator and one municipal waste discharge.

Included in the total are penalties of $186,400 against Valero Refining-Texas L.P. in Galveston County for five air violations stemming from a routine investigation conducted on January 13, 2010. Of the total fines, $93,200 will be used to fund replacement of old school buses in the Galveston area with buses using alternative fuel or clean diesel.

The TCEQ's next agenda meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 15. Agenda items from all commission meetings and work session agendas can be viewed on the TCEQ website. The meeting is also webcast live for free, and archived meetings are available, at TexasAdmin.com.