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Ship Repair Company Pays for Bay Fuel Discharge

BAE Systems settles City Attorney’s complaint for $54,135

A San Diego ship repair company will pay $54,135 to settle a civil complaint brought against it by the City Attorney’s Office for illegally discharging fuel into San Diego Bay.

Under the terms of a stipulated judgment, BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair, Inc. admitted no wrongdoing but will make payments to two funds run by the California Department of Fish and Game: $4,135 in costs to the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund and $32,500 in penalties to the Environmental Enhancement Fund.

The City Attorney’s Office will receive $10,000 for its costs and $7,500 in civil penalties will be divided between the City and County under terms of the state Business and Professions Code.

The City Attorney’s investigation resulted from a March 18, 2012, discharge of 42 or more gallons of diesel fuel from the vessel drydock Pride of San Diego. The complaint accused BAE Systems of negligence in failing to immediately contain, clean up and remove the oil in the most effective manner to minimize environmental damage.

“We deserve nothing less than safe and clean water in San Diego Bay,” City Attorney Jan Goldsmith said. “We appreciate BAE Systems’ cooperation in our investigation. Businesses that make use of this important public resource will be held to the highest standards under the law.”

The City Attorney’s Consumer & Environmental Protection Unit maintains a Hotline at (619) 533-5600 to report environmental complaints.

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