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**Environment Department reaches settlement with Albuquerque facility over hazardous waste violations**

ALBUQUERQUE — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and Advanced Chemical Treatment, Inc. reached a [settlement](#) to resolve alleged violations identified during a May 2019 inspection by NMED's Hazardous Waste Bureau at a facility in Albuquerque.

The Advanced Chemical Treatment, Inc., facility, located at 6137 Edith Boulevard NE., stores hazardous wastes until proper disposal at a permitted facility outside of New Mexico is arranged.

The settlement includes a civil penalty of \$360,285 for various violations of the state's Hazardous Waste Act, Hazardous Waste Management Regulations and the facility's hazardous waste permit.

"The New Mexico Environment Department requires facilities to maintain continuous compliance with federal and state regulations — especially when managing hazardous wastes." said NMED Cabinet Secretary James Kenney. "We will not hesitate to robustly enforce laws for the protection of public health and the environment."

NMED cited Advanced Chemical Treatment for violations that include the improper storage of used oil, failure to respond to a release of used oil into the environment and the storage of hazardous waste for longer than allowed in the permit.

Advanced Chemical Treatment, Inc., has since corrected the alleged violations. The civil penalty is paid to the state's Hazardous Waste Emergency Fund, which is primarily used for the clean-up of incidents involving hazardous substances and the disposal of hazardous substances.

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