

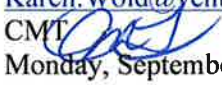


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Oxnard Business Ordered to Comply with Hazardous Waste Law

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today the settlement of a civil law enforcement action against Arcturus Manufacturing (Arcturus). Arcturus is a metallurgy company that performed closed-die forgings for the military and aerospace industries. The company used materials in their fabrication process that included titanium, nickel and chromium, all of which are regulated when discarded and the substances are in a friable, powdered or finely divided state. Arcturus was previously operating at 6001 Arcturus Avenue in Oxnard, California, but now has a principal address in Houston, Texas. Arcturus closed its California operations in September 2017.

Between June 2016 and December 9, 2016, Arcturus negligently disposed of, or caused the disposal of, hazardous waste at unauthorized locations: the Del Norte Recycling Center located at 111 S. Del Norte Boulevard, Oxnard; and Gold Coast Recycling & Transfer Station located at 5275 Colt Street and Sperry Avenue, Ventura.

The settlement resolves allegations that Arcturus violated environmental protection laws by failing to properly store and dispose of hazardous waste. The settlement further resolves allegations that Arcturus committed acts of unfair competition by failing to follow these procedures.

Under the agreed-upon judgment, the court ordered Arcturus to comply with California environmental laws prohibiting unauthorized disposal of hazardous waste and to develop appropriate procedures to prevent the release of hazardous waste. Under the terms of the settlement, Arcturus will pay \$500,000 as civil penalties, *cy pres* restitution, and cost recovery to be allocated as follows: \$1,201.28 to Ventura

County Environmental Health; \$100,000 to the California Toxic Substances Control Account General Fund; \$100,000 to the Office of the Ventura County District Attorney; and \$25,000 to the Ventura County Environmental Health CUPA pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25192. Additionally, \$10,000 is payable to the Ventura County District Attorney District Attorney as the lead investigating and prosecuting agency under the Hazardous Materials Release Response Plans and Inventory Act, as well as \$263,798.72 under the California Unlawful Competition Law pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17206. Under the terms of the settlement, Arcturus is also permanently enjoined from committing similar violations of the law in the future.

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