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Terminix Agrees to \$3.15 Million Settlement for Hazardous Waste Violations

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that the Ventura County District Attorney's Office joined a statewide enforcement action resulting in a \$3.15 million settlement with Terminix International Inc. and Rentokil North America Inc. (collectively Terminix). The settlement, filed in Alameda County Superior Court, resolves allegations involving the improper handling and disposal of pesticide and hazardous waste, as well as the improper disposal of customer records containing personal information.

Between 2021 and 2024, investigators identified hundreds of instances of improperly disposed pesticides and hazardous waste at Terminix facilities throughout California. The investigation also found instances in which Terminix improperly managed and disposed of customers' private records, in violation of state law. Four current and former Terminix facilities in Ventura County are covered by the judgment. When notified of the violations, Terminix was cooperative and responsive.

Under the settlement, the companies will pay \$2.65 million in civil penalties, investigation and enforcement costs. An additional \$500,000 in civil penalties is suspended for seven years, subject to Terminix complying with the judgment. Terminix is also required to implement enhanced environmental compliance measures, employee training, annual reporting and independent third-party audits of its California facilities for seven years.

Ventura County and 29 other District Attorney's across California were part of the judgement. The Ventura County District Attorney's Office will receive \$10,000 in civil penalties and \$1,250 in investigation and enforcement costs. Senior Deputy District Attorney Edward Andrews, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Environmental Protection Unit, was assigned to the case.