

Hazardous Waste Enforcement: State of California and Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. Stipulation for Entry of Final Judgment/Permanent Injunction



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The California Attorney General (“AG”) announced a settlement with Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. (“Home Depot”) addressing alleged violations of:

- California Hazardous Waste Control Law
- California Unfair Competition Law

The AG, on behalf of the State of California, noted the filing of a Stipulation for Entry of Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction (“Stipulation”).

Other participants in the Stipulation included local California prosecutors and regulatory agencies, along with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

The alleged violations involved the unlawful disposal of hazardous waste which included waste batteries, aerosol cans, paints, and electronic devices.

The AG stated that the alleged violations were identified through state and local investigator inspection of Home Depot trash dumpsters.

The Final Stipulation requires that Home Depot:

- Pay \$16,637,000 in civil penalties, \$2,513,000 for projects furthering environmental protection, and \$1,850,000 for reimbursement of law enforcement and investigation costs
- Spend \$6,840,000 on environmental compliance activities beyond those currently required by law in lieu of payment of \$3,420,000 in additional civil penalties
- Be bound by a permanent injunction prohibiting similar violations of law

[A copy of the Stipulation can be downloaded here.](#)