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Reach \$120k Settlement for Hazardous Waste Violations**

Santa Fe, NM —The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) entered into a settlement agreement with Stericycle Specialty Waste Solutions, Inc., with a total monetary value of \$120,813, resolving alleged violations of the Hazardous Waste Act and Regulations. Stericycle's Bernalillo County facility is permitted by NMED's Hazardous Waste Bureau. The facility manages hazardous waste from conditionally exempt small quantity generators, non-hazardous waste, universal waste, household hazardous waste, and used oil.

NMED inspectors discovered 15 alleged violations during a February 2014 onsite routine inspection including issues pertaining to excess waste storage time, inappropriate emergency response preparation, incomplete waste shipping documents, and insufficient employee training. Stericycle has taken corrective action to prevent the recurrence of such violations working with the Department to promptly reach a settlement.

"We want all of our regulated facilities to come into compliance, and we work with permittees to accomplish that goal," said Environment Secretary Ryan Flynn. "We appreciate Stericycle's prompt attention to this matter and their efforts to ensure that these issues were corrected."

Stericycle Specialty Waste Services, Inc. is a national company headquartered in Lake Forest, Illinois, specializing in biohazardous waste management and providing services to a wide range of industries including healthcare, dental, and medical services, pharmaceutical manufacturing, and consumer products manufacturing.

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