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News Release

Sacramento Air Quality District Collects \$22,500 Penalty Settlement with Mount Vernon Mortuary

The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District announced today that Mount Vernon Mortuary has paid \$22,500 in penalties to settle air quality permit violations that occurred in 2007 and 2008.

Air District enforcement staff cited Mount Vernon Mortuary for operating the secondary chamber of their crematory below the temperature specified in their District permit to operate. The Notice of Violations issued by the District were for Rule 201, *General Permit Requirements*.

Mount Vernon Mortuary is a cremation and cemetery provider in Fair Oaks, CA.

The penalty was reached through AQMD's Mutual Settlement Program, a voluntary program designed to resolve violations without the time and expense of litigation. Settlement funds are used to help support the District's mission of improving air quality in the Sacramento region.