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Vernon Health and Environmental Control cites ‘imminent danger’ at Four Star Chemical, orders cleanup of flammable hazardous wastes improperly stored at company’s facility

Vernon, CA – Vernon Health and Environmental Control Department (VHEC) officials, citing an “imminent danger to health, public safety and the environment” today announced they have ordered the immediate cleanup of flammable hazardous waste substances improperly stored in drums at Four Star Chemical, a chemical blender, packager and aerosol manufacturer located at 3137 E. 26th Street in Vernon (90058).

The VHEC cleanup order comes in the aftermath of a two-month department investigation into allegations of wrongdoing in the handling, safe management and disposal of hazardous substances at Four Star Chemical.

VHEC officials, in cooperation with Vernon’s Fire Marshal, took enforcement action against Four Star Chemical after serious violations of California hazardous materials monitoring and control statutes were discovered at Four Star Chemical’s manufacturing plant during an on-site investigative code enforcement inspection at the company’s facilities.

VHEC officials found that improperly stored hazardous waste containers at the Four Star Chemical site posed an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health and safety and the environment.

VHEC’s administrative order requires Four Star Chemical to safely remove and properly dispose of hazardous substances found to have been improperly stored in drums on the company’s property.

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Vernon was founded in 1905 to create jobs in California. Vernon’s 1,800 businesses create more than 105,000 jobs in the Los Angeles area – including 55,000 jobs within the city’s 5.2-mile boundary. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation designated Vernon as California’s ‘Most Business Friendly City.’ Vernon generates more than \$330 million in state income and sales taxes, \$1.1 billion in taxable spending. Vernon’s businesses provide more than 4.4 billion in salaries and wages annually for workers in Los Angeles County. For more information, go to www.cityofvernon.org.