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MDE Issues 12 Waste Management Enforcement Actions

BALTIMORE, MD (May 17, 2007) - The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Waste Management Administration issued the following enforcement actions between May 1 and May 14, 2007, with penalties more than \$5,000:

Cephus M. Murrell, Baltimore City - 1 affected property - On May 1, MDE issued a Notice of Violation to Cephus M. Murrell for violation of Maryland's Laws and Regulations on Lead Poisoning Prevention. An inspection found workers performing unsafe work practices at Mr. Murrell's pre-1950 rental property. The unsafe practices included failure to ensure that persons at risk are removed from the affected property when work is performed, failure to post lead caution signs, and failure to contain dust and debris. The Notice contained an offer to settle the case for a penalty of \$10,000

Floyd B. Shrader T/A Shrader Home Oil, Washington County - On May 1, MDE issued a Complaint, Order and Administrative Penalty equaling \$52,000 to Floyd B. Shrader, T/A Shrader Home Oil, for violating Maryland's oil pollution laws by operating a facility for storage and delivery of petroleum products without the required Oil Operations Permit, and failure to report oil spills.

Mount Vernon Portfolio Equities, LLC, Baltimore City - 7 affected properties - On May 4, MDE signed a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order containing a penalty equaling \$12,000 with Mount Vernon Portfolio Equities, LLC for violation of Maryland's Lead Laws by failing to bring the affected properties into compliance with risk reduction standards. The agreement contains deadlines for bring the affected properties into compliance with risk reduction standards

Joseph Okunfulure and Vincent Akinyode, Baltimore City - 3 affected properties - On May 7, MDE issued an Administrative Complaint, Order and Penalty equaling \$38,500 to Joseph Okunfulure and Vincent Akinyode for violating Maryland's Lead Laws by failing to register properties, and failure to bring the affected properties into compliance with risk reduction standards.

Romancoke Properties, Kent County - 1 affected property - On May 7, MDE issued an Administrative Complaint, Order and Penalty equaling \$40,000 to Romancoke Properties for violating Maryland's Lead Laws by failing to register a property, and failure to bring the affected property into compliance with risk reduction standards.

Joseph and Anastasia Mancuso, Baltimore City - 1 affected property - On May 7, MDE issued an Administrative Complaint, Order and Penalty equaling \$27,500 to Joseph and Anastasia Mancuso for violating Maryland's Lead Laws by failing to register a property, and failure to bring the affected property into compliance with risk reduction standards.

Michael L. Thompson, Baltimore City - 3 affected properties - On May 7, MDE issued an Administrative Complaint, Order and Penalty equaling \$38,500 to Michael L. Thompson for violating Maryland's Lead Laws by failing to register properties, and failure to bring the affected properties into compliance with risk reduction standards.

Bowman Hollyhock, LLC, Washington County - 5 affected properties - On May 7, MDE issued an Administrative Complaint, Order and Penalty equaling \$16,500 to Bowman Hollyhock, LLC for violating Maryland's Lead Laws by failing to register properties, and failure to bring the affected properties into compliance with risk reduction standards.

Edward T. Rollins, Jr., Baltimore City - 1 affected property - On May 7, MDE issued an Administrative Complaint, Order and Penalty equaling \$44,000 to Edward T. Rollins, Jr. for violating Maryland's Lead Laws by failing to register a property, and failure to bring the affected property into compliance with risk reduction standards.

Ernest, Cora Anne and Michael Lynn Ferrara, Washington County - 1 affected property - On May 7, MDE issued an Administrative Complaint, Order and Penalty equaling \$13,700 to Ernest, Cora Anne and Michael Lynn Ferrara for violating Maryland's Lead Laws by failing to register a property, and failure to bring the affected property into compliance with risk reduction standards.

S & S Venture, LLC, Washington County - 3 affected properties - On May 7, MDE issued an Administrative Complaint, Order and Penalty equaling \$30,000 to S & S Venture, LLC for violating Maryland's Lead Laws by failing to bring the affected properties into compliance with risk reduction standards.

Ferdosi, Inc., et al, Baltimore City - 4 affected properties - On May 8, MDE signed a Settlement Agreement and Consent Order containing a penalty equaling \$5,000 with Ferdosi, Inc., et al, for violation of Maryland's Lead Laws

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