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Used Oil/Hazardous Waste Enforcement: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Baton Rouge Industrial Equipment Testing Facility Enter into Settlement Agreement

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (“LDEQ”) and Quality Testing, Inc. (“QTI”) entered into a Settlement Agreement (“SA”) addressing alleged violations of the Louisiana Used Oil and Hazardous Waste Regulations.

QTI is stated to own and/or operate an industrial equipment testing facility (“Facility”) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Facility is stated to specialize in the testing of physical properties of metallic materials using:

- Industrial bandsaws
- Computer numerical control
- Milling machines
- Test equipment

LDEQ is stated to have conducted an inspection and a subsequent file review of the Facility to determine the degree of compliance with the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act and certain regulations.

The violations allegedly identified include:

- Failure to properly label containers storing used oil
- Causing and/or allowing the discharge of pollutants without a permit
- Failure to determine if solid waste generated at the Facility is a hazardous waste
- Failure to obtain an active EPA identification number by notifying the Office of Environmental Services using the Notification of Hazardous Waste activity

A payment of LDEQ of \$7,200 is assessed of which \$1,659.25 is stated to represent the agency’s enforcement costs.

QTI denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures, and/or penalties.

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

