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### **Ship Repair Company Pays for Bay Fuel Discharge** *BAE Systems settles City Attorney's complaint for \$54,135*

A San Diego ship repair company will pay \$54,135 to settle a civil complaint brought against it by the City Attorney's Office for illegally discharging fuel into San Diego Bay.

Under the terms of a stipulated judgment, BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair, Inc. admitted no wrongdoing but will make payments to two funds run by the California Department of Fish and Game: \$4,135 in costs to the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund and \$32,500 in penalties to the Environmental Enhancement Fund.

The City Attorney's Office will receive \$10,000 for its costs and \$7,500 in civil penalties will be divided between the City and County under terms of the state Business and Professions Code.

The City Attorney's investigation resulted from a March 18, 2012, discharge of 42 or more gallons of diesel fuel from the vessel drydock *Pride of San Diego*. The complaint accused BAE Systems of negligence in failing to immediately contain, clean up and remove the oil in the most effective manner to minimize environmental damage.

**"We deserve nothing less than safe and clean water in San Diego Bay,"** City Attorney Jan Goldsmith said. **"We appreciate BAE Systems' cooperation in our investigation. Businesses that make use of this important public resource will be held to the highest standards under the law."**

The City Attorney's Consumer & Environmental Protection Unit maintains a Hotline at (619) 533-5600 to report environmental complaints.

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