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(Boston, Mass. - Sept. 20, 2011) - Lindt & Sprungli, which has a production and warehouse facility in Statham, N.H., will pay a penalty of \$19,300 to settle EPA claims that it failed to submit important reports regarding hazardous materials at the facility. It is important for first responders to have access to this information in the event of an emergency.

The action is contained in an administrative Consent Agreement filed recently by EPA, which outlines concerns that the company stored lead and sulfuric acid in batteries, diesel fuel in emergency generators and propylene glycol in refrigeration systems from 2006 to 2008 in quantities that triggered federal chemical inventory reporting requirements under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

The company was cooperative throughout the EPA investigation. The Consent Agreement initiates and settles EPA's claims and certifies current compliance.

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act requires facility owners to annually submit to state and local response personnel chemical inventory forms for hazardous and extremely hazardous chemicals if threshold quantities are exceeded. Lack of chemical inventory forms can compromise proper emergency planning and response by state and local emergency officials and deprives the community of its right to know about chemicals present in the neighborhood.

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