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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **DEC Settles with Westward Seafoods, Inc. over Air Quality Violations**

**August 12, 2003**--The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Westward Seafoods, Inc. have entered into a compliance order by consent to resolve air quality violations at the Westward Seafood Processing Plant in Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

Westward has agreed to pay \$105,000 in civil penalties for the violations, of which \$52,500 will be paid in cash and \$52,500 will be suspended on the condition that they comply with all terms and conditions of the order to the reasonable satisfaction of DEC.

Westward was cited for burning more diesel fuel than allowed to protect air quality under their permit. The limit allowed Westward to operate without installing additional and expensive air pollution control equipment. According to Tom Chapple, DEC's director of air and water quality, although Westward was technically out of compliance with their permit, DEC believes that no adverse environmental effects occurred during the duration of the permit violations.

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