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TCEQ approves Agreed Order with Total Port Arthur Refinery

Port Arthur, TX – August 25, 2010 – The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) approved an Agreed Order today for \$493,200 with the Total Port Arthur Refinery.

The Total Port Arthur Refinery has worked with the TCEQ to resolve these past problems that cover a reporting period between November 2004 and November 2005. The issues in this enforcement action were self-reported as required under the Clean Air Act-Title V program, which governs the operating permit of the refinery and requires an annual filing.

As shown in the agreed order, most of the issues were corrected by the refinery at the time of discovery. The refinery has continued to improve its compliance and environmental performance. In fact, since 2004, the refinery has successfully reduced its permit deviations by 80 percent.

Half of this settlement will be paid to the TCEQ. The remaining \$246,600 will fund Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) in our community as part of the settlement of the enforcement actions brought by the TCEQ.

The two Supplement Environmental Projects that were recommended by Total and approved by TCEQ include the City of Port Arthur's Alternative Fuel Vehicle and Equipment Program as well as the Texas PRA Clean School Bus Program for Jefferson

County school districts to buy alternative fueled or clean diesel buses or retrofitted older buses with new, cleaner technology.

Total's Port Arthur Refinery considers safety and environmental stewardship responsibilities important to the refinery. Total works closely with TCEQ officials to operate in compliance and strives for continuous improvement in refinery environmental performance.

It is our practice to self-report non-compliances, internally investigate events, and quickly implement corrective measures to return to compliant and environmentally sound operations.

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