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## **Hazardous Waste Hauling Company Charged and Sentenced after Investigation into Falsification of Documents**

**BALTIMORE, MD (June 8, 2022)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced that STAT, Inc., a North Carolina corporation operating as a controlled hazardous substance hauler in Maryland, pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City to 10 counts of transporting hazardous waste using falsified documents instead of the required certificates. The Honorable Judge Melissa M. Phinn, ordered STAT, Inc. to pay a fine of \$500,000, suspending all but \$200,000, and placed the corporation on 5 years probation.

On December 10, 2019, a STAT, Inc. truck driver arrived at Clean Harbors, a controlled hazardous substance disposal facility located in Baltimore City to dispose of a truck of hazardous waste. On that date, the STAT, Inc. driver was unable to produce the required certifications to the compliance guard at Clean Harbors and the shipment was rejected. Later that morning, a Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) employee received a telephone call from a STAT, Inc. employee, asking for help to resolve the issue with the disposal. The employee claimed the company had the required documents and emailed three separate certification documents to MDE. A review of those documents by MDE employees revealed obvious falsification as the purported 2019 documents displayed numerous incorrect names and dates. A review of the falsified documents suggested they were altered versions of a previously valid 2018 certificate held by the company.

In January of 2020, the Environmental Crimes Unit of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General met with representatives of Clean Harbors and obtained additional information regarding the use of the falsified documents. A review of Clean Harbors' email records discovered an email from a STAT, Inc. employee on January 21, 2019, which included copies of the same falsified documents provided to MDE later that year in December. A review of disposal manifests showed that STAT, Inc. made its first delivery of 2019 on January 21. In addition to that delivery and the attempted delivery on December 10, 2019, 14 additional manifests were obtained for 2019, showing STAT, Inc. as the last transporter of the hazardous waste, prior to disposal at Clean Harbors. On at least two of those occasions, STAT, Inc. employees presented copies of the falsified documents to Clean Harbors. STAT, Inc. previously held valid controlled hazardous substance hauler certifications issued by MDE from 2016-2018.

“Transporting hazardous waste is, by definition, a dangerous business. It gets a lot more dangerous if the transporter fails to obey the law,” said Attorney General Frosh, “STAT, Inc. submitted false documentation on multiple occasions and attempted to cover it up. They put Marylanders and our environment at risk.”

In making today’s announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Environmental Crimes Chief Investigator Thomas Waugh and Assistant Attorney General Kory H. Lemmert, for their hard work on this case, and the Maryland Department of the Environment and the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Inspector General for their assistance and support.

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