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**August 9, 2013**

District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that on June 28, 2013, Elian Hanna, the owner and operator of Summerland Gas, was ordered to pay \$30,000 in civil penalties pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17200.

Deputy District Attorney Kevin Weichbrod, of the District Attorney Environmental Protection Unit, prosecuted this case after an investigation was completed by the Santa Barbara County Fire Hazardous Materials Unit. The investigation found that Summerland Gas had consistently and repeatedly failed to properly monitor and operate underground gasoline and diesel storage tanks, thus endangering the public and environment. Summerland Gas was forced to come into full compliance before the stipulated judgment was entered.

District Attorney Dudley stated, "Our office is committed to protecting the environment. Businesses must adhere to environmental standards that protect the public health and safety of our communities, or face the consequences for failing to do so."

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