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“We knew we needed to expand our transportation offering beyond emergency response if Action Resources was going to grow into the kind of premier niche transportation company we were trying to create,” said Mark Mudryk, vice president and general manager. So in 1999, the company began to focus its efforts on the sales and marketing of the transportation division — all with the foundation of quality, service and safety. Now, Action Resources has expanded from one terminal to four terminals, with its newest terminal opening in July in La Porte, Texas. Action Resources’ customer base repeatedly asked the company to find ways to help meet their needs in the Houston area.

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an additional 10-20 more units this year. With this expansive fleet, Action Resources provides the transportation of hazardous and special waste, virgin chemicals and any other type of product that has to be moved by truck. The company’s specialized list of available equipment has grown to include 130 barrel vacuum trucks, straight tanks, single and double roll-off trucks and trailers, end dumps, vans, lowboys, flatbeds and walking floor trailers for the MSW (municipal solid waste) industry.

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Olin Chemical is a bulk producer of chemicals, including caustic soda, and Action Resources is the primary carrier for the hauling needs for the McIntosh facility, which involves anywhere from 20-50 of Action Resources’ tank trucks hauling products on a daily basis.

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and can’t do, which is very critical in our line of work,” Henson said. “And most importantly, they are dedicated to safety, which is in line with our philosophy.”

Chemical Waste Management, a division of Waste Management, operates a facility in Emelle, Ala. This facility operates as a treatment, storage and disposal facility for generators of hazardous and nonhazardous waste streams. Mike Davis, district manager, has worked with Action Resources since the company was founded — and before that, with the precursor company to Action Resources.

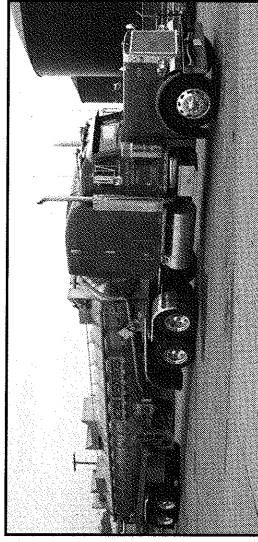
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The company’s management team has more than 150 years of combined experience in the environmental services and transportation industry, which made its mission statement easy to pinpoint — to be the best full-service transportation company, dedicated to quality, service and dependability, exceeding all customers’ expectations in the waste, chemical and petrochemical industries.

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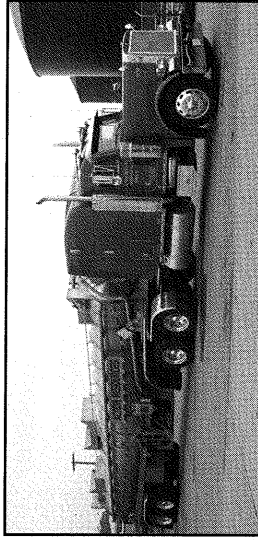
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- Large fleet of well-maintained, late-model equipment
- Service area includes all of the U.S. and Canada
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[NEWS UPDATE]

Chevron: First phase of solar power project complete

SAN PABLO, Calif. — Chevron Energy Solutions, a unit of Chevron Corp., and the Contra Costa Community College District (CCCCD) have completed the first phase of the largest solar power installation ever constructed for an institution of higher learning in North America. The project is the highlight of a multifacility energy efficiency and solar program that is expected to save CCCCDD more than \$70 million over 25 years.

The state-of-the-art energy infrastructure upgrades — designed, engineered and constructed by Chevron Energy Solutions — make CCCCDD's three college campuses and district office more energy efficient, reliable, manageable and environmentally friendly.

The program includes three types of improvements:

➤ A 3.2-megawatt solar power generation system comprising photovoltaic panels mounted on 34 parking canopies in six parking lots at Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College (the project's first phase, at 2.65 megawatts, is completed; the final phase will add 534 kilowatts in 2008).

➤ High-efficiency lighting and energy management systems installed at CCCCDD's three colleges and district office, as well as high-efficiency heating, ventilation and air-conditioning equipment at CCCCDD's district office.

➤ High-voltage electrical system replacements installed at Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College.

"This project has shown that energy efficiency and renewable power together can bring substantial benefits for education and the environment," said Jim Davis, president of Chevron Energy Solutions. "We're delighted to partner with the district on a project that's raised the bar in sustainable energy development."

The solar installation is expected to generate about 4 million kilowatt-hours of power each year, supplying up to half of CCCCDD's peak electricity needs. This renewable power will offset the production of about 5.6 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually, which is equivalent to removing 629 cars from the road or planting 636 acres of trees.

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