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## **17 Companies In Valley Of Mexico Shut Down For Violating Environmental Protection Codes**

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On Sept. 8, spokespersons for the Urban Development and Ecology Secretariat (SEDUE) told reporters that 17 companies in the Valley of Mexico had been shut down for violating environmental protection codes. After visits by SEDUE inspectors, 11 enterprises were forced to immediately halt all operations, while the remaining six were issued partial shut-down orders. Among the companies obligated to shut down all operations were Farmaceuticos Ehlinger Mexicana, Transferencia Granaleras, Compania Manufacturera de Azcapotzalco, Eco SA, Herdez, Piramide, Productora y Comercializadora de Grasas, Asesorias en Tratamientos de Aguas, Grasas y Harinas Zuniga and, Industrias y Pinturas Especiales. The 17 companies will not be permitted to resume production operations prior to submission of detailed timetables for installation of equipment and related procedures to reduce pollutant emissions, and/or waste product treatment. (Sources: Uno Mas Uno, 09/07/91; The Mexico City News, 09/09/91)

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