

Achievements for IRP – Oct. 14, 2016

New appointments:

Mohsen Nazemi was appointed deputy director for the Brownfields and Environmental Restoration Program. He served in several positions at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Office of Engineering and Compliance from 1978 to 2016, most recently as the Deputy Executive Officer. **C. David Johnson Jr.** was appointed Legislative Director. He previously served as legislative director in the Office of California State Assembly member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas. **Rosanna**

Westmoreland was appointed deputy director for the Office of Communications. She was external communications manager at the California Public Employees' Retirement System Office of Public Affairs since 2012. <https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19546>
<https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19527>
<https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19532>

Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs:

DTSC announced a new program focused on promoting principles of environmental justice throughout the Department's work, and engaging tribal governments and communities. The team is working on several projects, including DTSC's first draft tribal consultation policy.

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/EnvironmentalJustice/upload/DTSC_EJTA_Newsletter_Sept2016_FINAL.pdf

Battery Bill:

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed AB 2153, which creates the Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Act of 2016. This bill, authored by Assembly member Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) imposes a \$1 fee on each battery sold, and could generate an estimated \$24 million per year to fund investigation and cleanup of areas reasonably suspected to have been contaminated by the operation of a lead-battery operator. The funds also can be used to help repay the \$176.6 million loan from the general fund that is being used for sampling and cleanup of properties within 1.7 miles of the former Exide plant

Elimination of Flat Fee:

On September 13, 2016 Gov. Brown signed SB 839, which eliminates the option for applicants for hazardous waste permits, variances, or waste classification determinations to pay a flat fee for the requested action. Instead, the bill requires that anyone requesting such action enter into a reimbursement agreement with DTSC to cover Department costs incurred by processing the application or responding to the request. The law applies to permit applications or requests submitted on or after April 1,

2016. DTSC is currently reviewing five such applications and will shortly send out notifications to all permitted facilities of the changes

Safer Consumer Products:

The Safer Consumer Products program has announced an upcoming [webinar](#) to discuss product categories and chemicals of interest to the department. The webinar is part of DTSC's implementation of its Priority Products Work Plan. DTSC will present its findings and request additional information on three topics:

- Exposure of nail salon workers to hazardous chemicals found in nail products.
- Specific chemicals (nonylphenol ethoxylates and triclosan) found in consumer products that can enter the aquatic environment and harm aquatic life.
- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFASs), a class of stain- and water-repellant chemicals used in a wide range of consumer products. DTSC will discuss its findings and questions about the use of PFAS in upholstered furniture, carpets, rugs, and carpet treatment products.

The webinar will open a dialogue with interested stakeholders and will be followed by in-depth public workshops on each of the topics. The workshops will provide an opportunity for data sharing in support of identifying product-chemical combinations which may cause harm and, therefore, may be proposed as future priority products.

Hazardous Waste Management Program

The Enforcement and Emergency Response Division (EERD) recently submitted two Lean Six Sigma project proposals to the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. If the proposed projects are selected, the inspection report and penalty development process will be evaluated. The inspection report project will identify impediments to meeting the 65-day statutory deadline for providing an inspection report to the facility operator; EERD's goal is 100 percent compliance. The Penalty Project will identify opportunities for streamlining the penalty assessment process, which is time- and resource-intensive, resulting in significant delays for enforcement actions.

DTSC responds to Clayton fire in Lake County:

DTSC began assessing and removing hazardous waste in Lake County, where the Clayton wildfire devastated the community of Lower Lake. <http://www.record-bee.com/general-news/20161004/hazmat-crews-search-through-clayton-burn-zone>

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