

**DTSC Proposed 2014/15 Budget
January 9, 2014**

Permitting

Permitting Backlog

- We have requested additional funding to reduce the backlog of permit applications.
- This additional funding will provide six two-year positions that will reduce the number of permit applications and provide enhanced protection to the public and environment by:
 - Ensuring that permits are up to date
 - Provide for current safety equipment and monitoring techniques
- We expect to address about 17 of the 24 backlogged permit applications within the two-year time frame.

Financial Assurance

- We have requested additional funding to update cost estimates for pay for future decontamination and decommissioning of hazardous waste facilities.
- This additional funding will provide two two-year positions to update all 40 out of date cost estimates for hazardous waste facilities.
- This will provide enhanced protection for the public and the environment by:
 - Ensuring there is adequate funding set aside by these facilities to pay for future costs when a facility closes.
 - The funds will be used to ensure the facility is properly decommissioned and decontaminated.

Specifics for this BCP:

In FY 2014-15 DTSC is requesting 8.0 two year limited term positions and \$1.191 million dollars for this BCP.

Hazardous Waste Tracking System

- DTSC's Hazardous Waste Tracking System was created in 2002 and needs to be updated to take advantage of modern tracking tools.
- This proposal would allocate about \$1.4 million to rebuild the system.
- The electronic system still relies on paper manifests which are then scanned.
- DTSC uses the system to track hazardous wastes from when they are generated to the point where they are disposed or treated.
- The system allows DTSC and other regulatory agencies to verify that hazardous wastes are safely and legally managed.

- DTSC and other agencies can use this data to provide critical evidence in enforcement actions and identify potential violations and mismanagement of hazardous waste.
- With an updated system, DTSC expects to be able to:
 - Conduct more enforcement actions and inspections,
 - Reduce the use of unregistered transporters,
 - Decrease the number of manifests with uncorrected errors and
 - Provide more sophisticated reports.

Specifics:

- The additional funding allows for DTSC to contract for the upgrade to its tracking system
- A feasibility report has already been approved for this project
- DTSC expects to have the upgrade completed by October 2015.

Manifest Corrections BCP

- This proposal relates to the tracking system described above.
- The proposal allows for the creation of 3.5, two-year positions to correct errors in data submitted on hazardous waste manifests and update data in the system.
- Errors affect DTSC's ability to verify that hazardous waste has been properly managed.
- Until the tracking system is rebuilt and updated, DTSC will need to manually identify these errors.
- DTSC expects to manually identify the majority of errors received during the next two fiscal years.

Specifics:

- The proposal asks for 3.5 two-year positions and \$381,000.

Cost Recovery

- During the past 30 years spent \$1.8 billion in public funds to clean up hazardous waste sites in California.
- About \$184 million of those costs were either unbilled or uncollected during that period.
- This proposal would allow DTSC to resolve those unbilled and uncollected costs during the next two years.
- DTSC expects this effort to recover about 15 to 20 percent of those unbilled/uncollected costs.

- This proposal also allows DTSC to ensure the timely billing and collection of future cost-recoverable expenditures.

Specifics:

- In FY 2014-15 DTSC is requesting 14.0 two year limited term positions and \$1.6 million to evaluate and take action on the backlog of unbilled/uncollected costs.
- DTSC's past cost efforts have been impeded by various factors, including, the lack of updated cost recovery policy and procedures that clearly define roles and responsibilities of DTSC's staff.