Senate Bill 271 Creates New Consolidated Manifesting Procedure

Sacramento - The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced that, effective January 1, a new consolidated manifesting procedure goes into effect. The new procedure affects hazardous waste generators and transporters, particularly those that use the modified or milkrun manifests. The procedural changes arise from Governor Gray Davis signing Senate Bill 271, introduced by Senator Jack O’Connell (D-San Luis Obispo) in February.

This new procedure combines and enhances two manifest procedures and, in doing so, improves our ability to track hazardous wastes within the State of California. It also provides information to local agencies that will enable them to identify previously anonymous generators, said Ed Lowry, DTSC Director.

Consolidated manifesting, formerly known as modified or milkrun manifesting, allows certain registered hazardous waste transporters to combine, on a single manifest, specified wastes from multiple generators. Because the new procedure combines the previous two procedures, DTSC will repeal all milkrun variances as of January 1, 2002.

Under the new procedure:

C All but one category of hazardous waste generators, regardless of size, will have to obtain an identification number from DTSC. The only group excluded are generators of less than 100 kilograms per month of silver-only hazardous waste or wastes that are hazardous solely due to the presence of silver.

C The types of hazardous wastes eligible for consolidated manifesting is expanded, and a single limit of waste generated per month is established. Generators of up to 1,000 kilograms per month of so-called California Only waste can use this procedure.

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All hazardous waste transporters must notify DTSC before using the new consolidated manifesting procedure, and all will have to file quarterly reports.

DTSC has notified transporters of the new requirements, and has made guidance, instructions and forms available on its web site (www.dtsc.ca.gov)

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DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Department's mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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