

Fundamentals (4.e): Permitting/Enforcement Prioritization of Resources – ENFORCEMENT

Establish clear priorities for the enforcement program.

Goal: Identify and clarify Enforcement and Emergency Response Division's (EERD) prioritization for deployment of the limited resources within its enforcement programs in light of the many demands for those resources.

DTSC has limited enforcement and compliance resources. There has been continued demand for expansion of its activities to promote and ensure compliance with applicable requirements. Some EERD activities are mandated by statute, or by the source of funding for those activities, and EERD will continue to make these activities a priority. To the extent resources allow, additional activities will be pursued to address the greatest public health and environmental protection benefit. EERD will seek flexibility on specifically funded activities to tailor them towards activities in impacted communities and initiatives addressing activities that pose a significant threat. EERD will also review how it uses staff in specific classifications for various tasks.

Timeline:

April - June 2013:

- Negotiate with agencies that provide funding for EERD activities to secure geographic and activity flexibility in selecting inspection and compliance targets.
- Develop an EERD annual work plan that reflects mandated activities and targeting the greatest public health and environmental protection benefit.
- Implement methods to use cumulative impact analyses (CalEnviroScreen) to prioritize complaint response and inspection workload.

July – September 2013:

- Develop and implement a community compliance initiative to address hazardous waste violations in impacted communities.
- Complete evaluation of work duties and assignments of classifications used in EERD and adjust assignments if necessary to fully utilize staff skills and experience.
- Complete a written description of how EERD will prioritize its work in the future, including what work it will not be able to do.

October 2013 – March 2014:

- Identify additional future compliance initiatives to address the greatest public health and environmental protection benefit.