

Fundamentals (4.g): Permitting/Enforcement CUPA Performance

Ensure that CUPAs properly and effectively implement the hazardous waste program.

Goal: All CUPA's are properly and effectively implementing the hazardous waste control program.

Cal/EPA oversees the performance of CUPA's throughout the state. DTSC participates with Cal/EPA to provide training, support and guidance to our CUPA partners, and to support Cal/EPA's evaluations of each CUPA's performance (DTSC's role is related specifically to the implementation of the hazardous waste control program). When CUPA's are not performing adequately, DTSC is one of six partners that provide support through Cal/EPA.

Timeline:

July – September 2013:

- Work with Cal/EPA to determine how changes or additions to evaluations or other actions can improve the performance of CUPAs in addressing oversight for hazardous waste generators and businesses that treat hazardous waste onsite.
- Advocate that Cal/EPA undertake a survey of best management practices among CUPA's to solicit actions/policies that result in more effective program implementation.

October 2013 – March 2014:

- Complete an evaluation of Enforcement and Emergency Response Division's (EERD) resources and approach to providing training to CUPAs and other environmental enforcement agencies and work with Cal/EPA to implement needed changes to ensure we are meeting needs without overextending EERD resources.
- Implement revised oversight strategies and measure effectiveness.