

Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Development of DTSC's Civil Rights and Language Access Policies

Date & Time:

Wednesday August 2, 2017, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location:

1100 Parkview Ave.
Redding, CA 96001

Please join the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for a scoping session regarding the development of civil rights and language access policies. These policies aim to create a framework for more fully incorporating civil rights considerations, meaningful public participation and language access in DTSC's decision-making processes.

This scoping session is being hosted by DTSC's Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs. The Office's mission is to ensure DTSC's decision-making processes incorporate the voices of environmental justice and tribal communities by seeking proactive relationships, sharing information, and creating partnerships to reduce environmental impacts and improve public health.

These draft policies are being developed and finalized in accordance with a Settlement Agreement entered to resolve a civil rights complaint over DTSC's 2014 decision to approve a permit to expand the Kettleman Hills hazardous waste landfill. More information about the Settlement Agreement is described below.

Why: The purpose of this scoping session is to share information about DTSC's development of civil rights and language access policies, and seek scoping comments from community representatives and stakeholders. DTSC will make final draft policies available for public comment in August 2017. Draft policy frameworks are available for discussion at the following links:

- [Draft Language Access Policy Framework](#) | (Español)
- [Draft Civil Rights Policy Framework](#) | (Español)

Background: In August 2016, DTSC and the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) reached an agreement with Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice (Greenaction) and El Pueblo/People for Clean Air and Water of Kettleman City (El Pueblo) regarding Greenaction and El Pueblo's civil rights complaint over DTSC's 2014 permit expansion approval for the Kettleman Hills hazardous waste landfill.

Under the agreement, DTSC will develop, with input from community stakeholders, Civil Rights and Language Access policies. These policies will address DTSC's Civil Rights compliance under Section IV: Programmatic and Regulatory Terms of the settlement agreement and in accordance with that section.

A final draft of the policies will be available for public comment in August 2017.



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