



# Independent Review Panel



Department of Toxic Substances Control



# Senate Bill 83

- SB 83 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2015) added section 57014 to the Health & Safety Code
  - *“There is within the Department of Toxic Substances Control an independent review panel, comprising three members, to review and make recommendations regarding improvements to the department’s permitting, enforcement, public outreach, and fiscal management.”*
- Statute effective date: June 24, 2015



# The Panel

- The Independent Review Panel is comprised of 3 members:
  - Panelist with scientific experience related to toxic materials (appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly)
  - Panelist who is a community representative (appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules)
  - Panelist who is a local government management expert (appointed by the Governor)



# The Panel Members

- Dr. Arezoo Campbell
- Mr. Gideon Kracov, J.D.
- Mr. Mike Vizzier



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### Independent Review Panel Members



Arezoo Campbell



Gideon Kracov  
Chairman



Mike Vizrier



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# What does the Panel do?

- The Independent Review Panel:
  - May advise DTSC on issues related to DTSC's reporting obligations
  - Shall make recommendations for improving DTSC's programs
  - Shall advise DTSC on compliance with Section 57007



# Reporting Requirements

- The Independent Review Panel shall:
  - Report to the Governor and the Legislature 90 days after the Panel is initially appointed and every 90 days thereafter
  - Report on DTSC's progress in:
    - Reducing permitting and enforcement backlogs
    - Improving public outreach
    - Improving fiscal management



# Panel Recommendations

- The Panel shall submit its recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor:
  - At the time of the submission of the Governor's 2016-17 annual budget to the Legislature
  - At the time of each submission of the Governor's annual budget thereafter



# Panel Sunset Date

- HSC section 57014(i) authorizes the existence of the IRP until January 1, 2018



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# Report Deadlines

- Jan. 10, 2016 Annual Report ✓
- Jan. 28, 2016 Progress Report ✓
- April 27, 2016 Progress Report ✓
- July 26, 2016 Progress Report ✓
- Oct. 24, 2016 Progress Report
- Jan. 10, 2017 Annual Report
- Jan. 22, 2017 Progress Report
- April 21, 2017 Progress Report
- July 20, 2017 Progress Report
- Oct. 18, 2017 Progress Report
- Dec. 31, 2017 Annual Report



# IRP Work Plan for 2016-2017

- Jan. 2016 Initial Recommendations
- Feb. – April 2016 Permitting
- April – July 2016 Enforcement
- July – Oct. 2016 Public Outreach
- Oct. 2016 – Jan. 2017 Fiscal Management
- Jan. – April 2017 Site Mitigation
- April – July 2017 Source Reduction & Consumer Products
- June – Oct. 2017 Evaluation of Metrics
- Oct. – Dec. 2017 Final Recommendations



# Contents of Typical IRP Report

- Description of DTSC program or programs
- Information requests of DTSC
- Recommendations for Governor and Legislature
- Recommendations for DTSC
- Recommended performance metrics for DTSC



# IRP Website

- <https://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/ReviewPanel/Independent-Review-Panel.cfm>
- Or go to the DTSC website at <https://www.dtsc.ca.gov/>, click on Government, and scroll down to the Independent Review Panel.



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# Join the IRP Elist!

- Click on Elist link from IRP website to subscribe for updates on Panel activities



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# Reaching Across Language Barriers

- Spanish version of meeting notices/agendas
- Spontaneous translation to Spanish available at meetings by advance request



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# How to Participate in a Panel Meeting from a Remote Location

- Many IRP meetings are webcasted
- Webcast meeting portal:  
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>
- Email address for submitting public comments from offsite during meeting:  
[dtscpublicmeeting@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:dtscpublicmeeting@dtsc.ca.gov)



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