

May/June 2017 Achievements for IRP

Making brownfields green: July 11 is the deadline for applications to DTSC's Targeted Site Investigation Program, which provides grants to test brownfield sites for possible redevelopment or reuse. http://dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/Loans_Grants.cfm

Redevelopment project exemplifies DTSC's mission: The mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to protect public health and the environment. One way it does that is by cleaning up contaminated properties. It's a bonus when the property is slated for development, which can lead to more tax revenue and jobs.

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/Success/upload/SouthSF_Housing_Success.pdf

DTSC inspections lead to criminal charges in metal recycling case: The owners of a Sun Valley recycling business repeatedly failed to store and dispose of hazardous waste properly, according to the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, adding that the action was part of a larger effort to target businesses that they say are harming the environment. This is part of a larger enforcement program by DTSC.

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PressRoom/upload/News_Release_T-08-17.pdf and

<http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20170509/la-city-attorney-files-charges-against-sun-valley-recycler-over-hazardous-waste>.

Cleanup order at former Oakland electroplating shop: DTSC issued an Imminent and/or Substantial Endangerment Order to the owners and operators of a former electroplating facility in Oakland that had hazardous liquids in deteriorating equipment and sumps. <http://www.eastbaytimes.com/2017/05/05/7-agency-probe-orders-jack-london-square-firm-to-clean-up-its-toxic-mess/>

Shasta County metal recycler to pay \$400,000 in penalties: Northstate Recycling Inc. in Redding and its owner were penalized for hazardous waste violations, including unlawful treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous waste. <http://www.redding.com/story/news/2017/04/26/redding-recycler-fined-400000-state/100951392/>

Woodland Biomass Company penalized – DTSC participated in the investigation: A Woodland firm that burns wood fuel to generate electricity is paying \$4.22 million in a civil action that accused the company of falsifying records and disposing of hazardous waste on agricultural lands.

<http://www.dailydemocrat.com/article/NI/20170503/NEWS/170509958>

Settlement helps cleanup contamination in Fullerton - A \$2 million settlement will pay for past costs and future costs associated with the cleanup of manufacturing site in Orange County. The investigation found elevated levels of volatile organic compounds on and off-site. http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PressRoom/upload/News_Release_T-07-17.pdf

Complaint filed against Fontana metal recycler – A DTSC complaint alleges Advanced Steel Recovery illegally stored compresses gas cylinders and metal-contaminated soil. http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/business/complaint-is-filed-against-metal-recycling-facility-in-fontana-for/article_f492e8ba-328c-11e7-bd3a-f3867fddb0da.html

DTSC has sampled more than 8,000 residential properties around the closed Exide Facility: On April 20, 2016, Governor Jerry Brown signed legislation that directed \$176.6 million for DTSC to expedite and expand testing and cleanup of residential properties, schools, daycare centers, and parks within a 1.7-mile radius around the facility—this area is known as the Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA). <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Projects/Residential-Cleanup.cfm>

Meeting permitting commitments: DTSC is on track to meet the goal of issuing nine permit decisions this fiscal year, with six decisions completed, and three in process for finalizing by June 30.

Enhanced Enforcement Initiative in Vulnerable Communities – As of June 9, 2017, OCI inspected 43 facilities and issued 38 Summary of Violations (SOV). 29 cases have been sent to the Office of Legal Counsel for Administrative or Civil Actions. 1 case was sent to the City Attorney Office for criminal action. 3 facilities were found to have no violations. 10 cases are still under investigation.

Retail Waste Working Group – As directed by SB 423 (Bates, Chapter 771, Statutes of 2016), DTSC convened a working group comprised of representatives of large retailers, small retailers, district attorneys, certified unified program agencies, nongovernment organizations, CalRecycle and Department of Public Health. Over the past six months, DTSC facilitated 19 meetings of the group, and assisted the group in developing its set of findings and recommendations on the regulation and management of unsold retail products.

Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF) Priority Product rulemaking. The Safer Consumer Products program continued rulemaking to list SPF containing methylene diphenyl diisocyanate in regulation. Public comment on the proposed product closed on June 6, 2017 after a 74 day comment period. DTSC will determine if the proposed rule or supporting documents will be revised based on review of received comments.