



## **WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF REASONS FOR AMENDMENT OF CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE, R-2005-14 DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is amending its conflict of interest code to accomplish two goals: (1) to remove employee classifications formerly included in category 1, where inclusion of these classifications has resulted in disclosure by employees that is stricter than what is mandated by the Political Reform Act; and (2) to reduce the number of duplicative listings of employee civil services classifications by consolidating them by classification into one heading followed by the wording “all levels.” The employee classifications proposed for removal from category 1 currently do not influence the making, or participate in the making of, decisions which may foreseeably have a material financial effect on any financial interest other than those listed in category 2. The specific amendment and an explanation of each proposed change is as follows:

### **66250.1 Disclosure Categories**

Non-substantive changes are needed in this section to correct two typos that exist in the California Code of Regulations.

### **66250.2 Employee Designations.**

Substantive changes are needed in this section because DTSC has determined that the inclusion of the following classifications in a particular disclosure category results in requiring employees to disclose more information than that which is mandated by the Political Reform Act:

- Assistant Chief Counsels
- Associate Government Program Analysts in the Office of Legislation
- Career Executive Assignments
- Chief, Hazardous Material Laboratory
- Consultants
- Division Chiefs, DTSC
- Information Officers
- Staff Counsels
- Staff Services Analysts in the Office of Legislation

Non-substantive changes are also needed in this section because DTSC has determined that the following classifications are redundant, and can be consolidated into one heading followed by the wording “(All Levels)”:

- Accounting Administrators I and II
- Associate and Senior Environmental Planners
- Associate, Senior and Supervising Industrial Hygienists
- Associate and Staff Management Auditors

- Associate, Senior and Staff Programmer Analysts
- Associate, Senior, Staff and Supervising Toxicologists
- Chemists, Staff and Supervising
- Criminal Investigators, Supervising I and II
- Data Processing Managers I and II
- Engineering Geologists, Senior, Supervising
- Hazardous Substances Engineers, Senior, Supervising I and II
- Hazardous Substances Scientists, Senior, Supervising I and II
- Information Officers I and II
- Research Scientists I, II, III, IV, V, Managers, Supervisors I and II
- Staff Counsels, III Specialist and III Supervisor
- Staff Information Systems Analyst, Specialist and Supervisor
- Staff Services Managers I and II

DTSC has determined that the classification “Assistant Secretary/Cal/EPA” is redundant with “Career Executive Assignments” and should therefore be struck. The classification “Health Program Management Auditors” is inaccurate, and should read “Health Program Audit Managers,” to correctly reflect the actual DTSC classification.

The following classifications are out of alphabetical order, and are therefore being reorganized:

- Hazardous Substances Engineers
- Research Program Specialists II