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DTSC Lighting Task Force Meets on Options for Recycling and Disposing Fluorescent Bulbs

SACRAMENTO - On Monday, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will convene the latest in a series of task force meetings to develop recommendations on collection and recycling of end-of-life fluorescent lamps. The task force includes representatives of the lighting manufacturing industry, lamp recyclers, retail stores, energy utilities, environmental groups, and state and local government.

Created by AB 1109 (Huffman), the task force's purpose is to make recommendations to the Legislature by Sept. 1 on the following:

- The most effective, cost-efficient and convenient method for collecting and recycling end-of-life light bulbs;
- Methods to educate and inform consumers about the proper management and collection opportunities for end-of-life light bulbs; and
- Designations on the general purpose light and light packaging for proper recycling and compliance.

Effective Jan. 10, 2010, AB 1109 also prohibits manufacturing and selling lighting products containing the lead, cadmium, and mercury or hexavalent chromium above the limits in use by the European Union.

What: AB 1109 Lighting Task Force Meeting
When: June 16, 2008
9 a.m. to noon
Where: Cal/EPA Building, Sierra Hearing Room
1001 I Street (corner of I and 10th Streets), Sacramento

WORKSHOP WILL BE WEBCAST LIVE

For more information about the Task Force, and the options currently under consideration, visit the [AB 1109 – Lighting Task Force Information Web page](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UniversalWaste/Lighting.cfm) on DTSC's Web site <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UniversalWaste/Lighting.cfm>.

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