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Press Briefing on Western Environmental Facility in Mecca

SACRAMENTO – On Wednesday May 2nd, 2012 at 2 p.m. the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a media conference call to announce important news about the soil stockpiles at Western Environmental, Inc. in Mecca California and its evaluation of the soil treatment and recycling facility's operations.

What: Media conference call.

Where: Via conference call. Please dial 877-920-8432 Code: 741502

When: Wednesday May 2, 2012, 2 p.m. PDT

Background: The WEI facility is operating on land owned by the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians (CBMI), under a permit issued by CBMI. Under the terms of that permit, WEI is allowed to treat contaminated soil that is considered hazardous by the State of California. In December 2011 DTSC began sampling soil stockpiles at the WEI facility to determine their chemical nature. DTSC had previously informed the facility, the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, transporters and generators that WEI cannot accept hazardous waste. DTSC review of WEI's operations was designed to determine if the facility conforms to state standards.

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The Mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.