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California DTSC to Announce Potential Solutions to Ocean Pollution

SAUSALITO, Calif. – The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a press conference, with Project Kaisei and other partners on Tuesday, September 22nd to show and discuss results of the toxic ocean debris brought back from Kaisei's recent four week journey to the North Pacific Gyre (Garbage patch).

Described as a Tsunami of trash, this garbage patch is threatening our wildlife, damaging oceans, seafood industries and tourism. Journalists will be able to hear about exciting solutions to prevent this type of ocean debris from occurring in the future.

Media will also be able to sail and tour the 151-foot vessel immediately after the press conference.

DTSC plays a key role in preventing ocean pollution and is working with scientists and manufacturers to find ways to reduce toxics going into the marine environment. This is a core principle of the California Green Chemistry Initiative that DTSC is spearheading.

DTSC is partnering with several non-profit organizations (see below) to fight against ocean pollution and slow the accumulation of plastic waste and toxic garbage in the ocean environment.

When: Tuesday, Sept 22, 11:00 am

Where: Bay Model Visitor Center and neighboring dock
2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito Ca 94965

Who: Maziar Movassaghi, Acting Director, DTSC
Mary Crowley, Founder, Project Kaisei,
John Fentis, Algalita Marine Research Foundation
Brian Baird, Ocean Protection Council
Linda Hunter, Executive Director, The Watershed Project
Rob D'Arcy, California Product Stewardship Council

Visuals include:

- Sail and Tour of the Project Kaisei vessel
- Samples of ocean debris brought back from Project Kaisei expedition

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The mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to protect public health, safety, and the environment from toxic harm.