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**Changeover Slated for September 5, 2006
New Hazardous Waste Manifests Impact 120,000 Businesses**

SACRAMENTO -The single largest change in hazardous waste management and transportation in over 20 years takes effect on September 5, 2006 as the California Manifest is replaced by a uniform federal manifest. The change will impact over 120,000 California businesses that use manifests to identify and ship hazardous waste to recycling and disposal facilities.

“California is ready to carry out the new federal system for tracking hazardous waste,” said Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Director Maureen Gorsen. “In our efforts to ensure that hazardous waste is properly managed in our state, this ‘cradle-to-grave’ tracking provides a record of the handling, transporting, recycling and disposal of these wastes. Last year, an estimated 500,000 shipments, accounting for over 3 million tons of hazardous waste were tracked using the California Manifest. Manifests are an essential part of an overall effort to safely manage hazardous waste generated by California business and industry,” said Gorsen.

Manifests disclose waste types, quantities, when shipments take place, and what companies handle the shipment, including the final destination. Businesses must use the new manifest form only on and after Sept. 5 and should order the new federal manifests now to get them in time. For information on purchasing manifests, visit the U.S. EPA Web site (see link below.) Businesses will also have to make legible photocopies of the manifest to submit a copy to DTSC.

“Our goal is to avoid confusion and ensure that an estimated 120,000 generators, transporters, and disposal facilities are familiar with the new regulations and forms,” said Gorsen. “The state’s regulations are now consistent with federal regulations,” Gorsen added.

To ensure that generators, transporters, and disposal facilities are familiar with the new regulations and forms, DTSC has conducted over 20 free workshops to date in different locations throughout the state and sent informational packets to 123,000 businesses – including copies of the new federal manifest forms and supplemental state manifest instructions. The DTSC Web site posts additional information including full instructions on filling out the federal manifest, a comparison of how the new federal form differs from the California Manifest, all training materials, and 11 examples of “before” and “after” manifests.

DTSC will post the regulations, a video tape of a manifest training session, training handouts, and other manifest information on DTSC’s Web site at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/Manifests.cfm>.

For information on purchasing the new manifest, visit the U.S. EPA Web site at www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/gener/manifest/registry/printers.htm.

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