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DTSC's Data on Hazardous Waste Cleanups Goes On-line

Sacramento – In keeping with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's commitment to transparency and open government, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced the launching of EnviroStor, a computerized database that provides Californians with information on over 5,100 site cleanups under the jurisdiction of the DTSC.

"EnviroStor is a valuable tool for the public. This user-friendly database allows people to quickly access vital information about environmental cleanups in their communities," said DTSC Director Maureen Gorsen. "The launching of EnviroStor demonstrates DTSC's commitment to improving its public participation and the transparency of its internal review and decision-making process. This is consistent with the Governor's open-government initiatives."

EnviroStor improves on the previous database known as CalSites and provides additional features, search options and reports. The new system's search capabilities allow users to look up information by region, senate or assembly district, type of site (school cleanup, military facility, Brownfields, etc.) or other criteria.

The addition of the Geographical Information System (GIS) makes it possible for users to view maps of site locations and surrounding properties. They can zoom in for more detail or zoom out for a broader perspective.

Other pertinent information available on EnviroStor includes project profiles, site histories, status reports, scheduled cleanup activities, legal documents and contact numbers. In addition users can access information on contaminated properties released for restricted reuse.

Funding for EnviroStor was provided by grants from the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Development of the database fulfills the requirement of Assembly Bill 389 (Ch. 705, Stats. of 2004 - Montanez).

To access EnviroStor, log onto DTSC's Web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov and click on the EnviroStor database. For questions and comments, call the EnviroStor Hotline at (916)323-3400.

The EnviroStor Fact Sheet: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/EnviroStor%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf
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