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DTSC Encourages California Super Bowl Fans to “score one for the environment.”

SACRAMENTO – As California football fans buy new flat screen televisions to watch the Super Bowl game, the Department of Toxic Substances Control is encouraging fans to score one for the environment by not disposing of their old analog and cathode ray sets in the trash or abandoning them. To assist football fans and all California consumers, the DTSC has posted a video on its web site providing instructions on how to find a local recycler. http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=Gj6IX8K-mEQ

Analog television screens are made out of cathode ray tubes or CRTs. CRTs are also used as computer monitors, automated teller machines, and video game machines. The glass screens can contain several pounds of lead. When CRTS are disposed of in a regular landfill, the screens are broken, the glass pulverized, and the lead escapes the glass potentially threatening drinking water sources.

Lead is a toxic metal that can cause harm to adults and children. It can affect almost every organ in the human body, and can damage the nervous system. It can cause decreased mental ability and learning difficulties in infants.

DTSC urges all who replace their televisions to locate collectors and recyclers authorized to take unwanted electronic waste. A fee charged on the purchase of a new television and certain other electronic devices helps fund collection and recycling of old video display devices, so many collectors will accept unwanted televisions for free, or charge only a nominal fee.

Dispose of analog TV's safely. Visit www.dtsc.ca.gov, or please visit www.ecycle.org. If you have questions about how to properly manage electronic waste under California law, see www.dtsc.ca.gov or call (916) 324-3159.

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FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES: Contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control by phone at (800) 728-6942 or visit www.dtsc.ca.gov. To report illegal handling, discharge, or disposal of hazardous waste, call the Waste Alert Hotline at (800) 698-6942.

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