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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL LAUNCHES COMPREHENSIVE BROWNFIELDS DATABASE *EnviroStor Brownfields Database Enhanced; Now Includes Permitted Facilities*

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces the launch of its enhanced online Brownfields database, EnviroStor, making a one-stop page for cleanup and permitting project information. Initially made available on DTSC's Website in January 2006, EnviroStor contained information on many brownfields properties in California. The expanded EnviroStor now also provides access to detailed information on permitted hazardous waste facilities and corrective action ("cleanups") at these facilities.

"Increasing the transparency of DTSC actions has been one of my main goals," said DTSC Director Maureen F. Gorsen. "The public has a right to access information about permitted facilities and other brownfields in their area and throughout California. Our expanded and improved EnviroStor Web Page will allow easy access for communities either through their home computers or local library Internet connections. Anyone interested will now have an unprecedented ability to understand the permit decision-making process, easily find documents and schedules for permit and cleanup actions, and see how DTSC plans to address them. This is consistent with our commitment to transparency and open-government," Gorsen said.

The contents of EnviroStor range from project contact information and regulatory status to actual permit decision-making documents, plain-language fact sheets, and more. All information on other cleanup sites, whether State and Federal Superfund or voluntary cleanup, school sites, former and active military bases, is still available in EnviroStor.

In addition, EnviroStor now includes new interactive functions:

- "Tools" allow "Basic" or "Advanced" search criteria;
- "Reports" allow searches by program type, Senate and Assembly District, land use restrictions, public notices, permitted facilities, location, etc.
- "Information" links to other DTSC Web pages and site documents, and other guidance documents.

EnviroStor displays search results in tables with user-specified project information.

A new Geographic Information System (GIS) application and map feature rounds out the improvements to EnviroStor.

EnviroStor Help Hotline: (916) 323-3400 or by email at: envirostor@dtsc.ca.gov.

DTSC is continuing its efforts to increase the capabilities of and the information available in EnviroStor for the public. Any new changes will be provided at <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov>

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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 provide the highest level of safety, and to protect public health and the environment from toxic harm.