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**Department of Toxic Substances Control**

# Media Advisory

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## **Press Briefing To Discuss Findings of DTSC's Internal Audit re: Western Environmental Facility in Mecca**

**SACRAMENTO** – Debbie Raphael, Director of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will brief the media and answer questions related to DTSC's internal audit of its decisions related to the Western Environmental, Inc. (WEI) facility in Mecca. The internal audit identifies how WEI was able to continue accepting hazardous waste despite lacking appropriate permits. Raphael will discuss the audit's findings and the steps taken to date to address those findings.

**WHAT:** Briefing on DTSC's internal audit of decisions related to Western Environmental, Inc.

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 18, 2011, 1 to 1:45 p.m.

**WHERE:** Saul Martinez Elementary School Cafeteria, 65705 Johnson Street, Mecca, CA

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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](http://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 DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.