DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

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Program Highlights

Statutory Authority:
California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.8, sections 25395.1 et seq.; Title 22, California Code of Regulations, chapter 51, sections 69000-69013.

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Private Site Management Program

The Private Site Management Program was established in 1995 to provide the private sector with an incentive to cleanup low-threat sites, including "brownfields." This program authorizes private site managers, who must be Registered Environmental Assessors, Class II (REA IIs), to objectively conduct one or more aspects of an environmental assessment and removal or remedial actions at low-risk sites with limited DTSC oversight. Private Site Management Performance Standards Regulations were adopted by DTSC in February 2003.

The Private Site Manager overseeing activities at a Site must be independent from the Project Proponent, all responsible parties for a Site, and any prospective buyers of the Site.

Eligible sites must meet the following conditions:

(1) No further significant environmental damage or exposure to humans will occur as the response action is implemented.

(2) The Site is not used for sensitive land uses (e.g., residence, school, day care center for children, or a hospital) or adjacent to sensitive land uses.

(3) Releases of hazardous substances at the site did not impact groundwater.

(4) No enforceable Agreement or Order requiring site characterization or response action has been issued or is in the process of being issued for this Site.

Further information is available on DTSC's webpage:

- Fact Sheet: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/upload/SMBRP_FS_PSMP.pdf

Further information on the Registered Environmental Assessor Program is available on DTSC's webpage at: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/REA/

To date, no site has been proposed for this Program.