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California Environmental Protection Agency

Title 27 Electronic Reporting Rulemaking

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) submitted the rulemaking package to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) in February 2013. OAL published the "Notice of Regulatory Action" and the 45-day public comment period began February 22, 2013. However, a procedural problem has occurred requiring Cal/EPA to extend the public comment period and change the date of the public hearing. Since Cal/EPA did not mail the notice to stakeholders at least 45-days prior to the scheduled public hearing, OAL required Cal/EPA to mail the notice to stakeholders and extend the public comment period. On March 5, 2013, Cal/EPA sent all Unified Program stakeholders an email with the revised notice and hearing change information. The 45-day public comment period will now end at 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2013. The public hearing for the proposed regulations is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on April 19, 2013, at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, 1001 I Street Sacramento.

During this comment period, Cal/EPA has amended the proposed regulations to include the standard description for the chemical inventory reporting of lead-acid batteries. The standard description for the reporting of lead-acid batteries comes from the Cal/EPA policy memorandum number UP-11-03 "Cal/EPA Unified Program Policy for Lead Acid Battery Inventory Reporting – Guidance and Template." This amendment will most likely require a re-notice and an additional 15-day comment period.

Department of Toxic Substances Control - None

State Water Resources Control Board - None

California Emergency Management Agency - None

Office of State Fire Marshal

Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA)

The first APSA advisory committee meeting will be held on April 9, 2013, at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) headquarters in Sacramento. The meeting notice is posted on the State Fire Marshal's website on advisory committees at http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/advisorycommittees/advisorycommittees_apsa.php. Future meeting notices and meeting minutes will also be posted at this website.

California Fire Code

The 2013 California Fire Code will be published in July 2013 and become effective January 1, 2014. For additional information, please visit the OSFM Code Development and Analysis website at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/codedevelopment/codedevelopment.php> or visit the California Building Standards Commission website at <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes/adoptcycle/2012Cycle.aspx>.