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**Department of Toxic Substances Control**

**New SEPs Policy**

DTSC is adopting a Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) Policy. The SEPs Policy is part of DTSC's commitment to environmental justice. DTSC is holding two public workshops in April on its draft [SEPs Policy](#). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. For more information, click [here](#). The public comment period ends on April 17, 2015. Comments can be submitted at: [SEP-comment@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:SEP-comment@dtsc.ca.gov).

**Quarterly Public Meeting**

DTSC's Quarterly Public Meeting will be held on Friday, April 17, 2015, at 9 a.m. in the Coastal Hearing Room at the CalEPA Building, 1001 I Street, Second Floor, Sacramento, California. The agenda can be located at:

[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/PublicMeetings/upload/Public\\_Meeting\\_Agenda\\_041715.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/PublicMeetings/upload/Public_Meeting_Agenda_041715.pdf)

**State Water Resources Control Board**

**City of Long Beach \$2.5 Million Penalty for Violating 2010 Consent Judgment in Underground Storage Tank (UST) Case**

The City of Long Beach was issued a \$2.5 million penalty from Los Angeles County Superior Court on March 11, 2015 for violating the terms of a Consent Judgment related to historic UST violations issued on January 21, 2010.

The 2010 judgment resolved UST violations alleged by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) against the City of Long Beach that began in 2003. Under the terms of the 2010 judgment, \$2.5 million in penalties was suspended as long as the City of Long Beach remained in compliance with the terms of the agreement for five years. Between January 2013 and August 2014 the State Water

Board conducted compliance inspections at 15 UST facilities in the City of Long Beach. Numerous UST violations were found during these inspections, which triggered the reinstatement of the suspended \$2.5 million penalty.

The State Water Board filed its Motion to Enforce in Los Angeles Superior Court on December 23, 2014. In its ruling, the Court found that the City of Long Beach failed to conduct required leak detection testing prior to placing USTs in use, failed to timely repair secondary containment, and failed to install tamper-proof sensors as required.

The press release and judgment can be found at the website below.

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/orders\\_actions.shtml#a2015](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/orders_actions.shtml#a2015)

### **CAL FIRE - Office of State Fire Marshal**

#### **Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) Program Meetings**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Next Meeting Date</b>
APSA Regulations Workgroup	TBA
Tanks in Underground Areas	April 17, 2015
APSA Advisory Committee	April 29, 2015

#### **Underground Fuel Storage Tanks Prohibited for Use as Aboveground Fuel Storage Tanks**

CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal published an [addendum](#) to the Information Bulletin (IB) 14-005 on the prohibited use of underground storage tanks as aboveground storage tanks. The information relating to these tanks, as well as the [IB 14-005](#) can be found on the Office of the State Fire Marshal's website at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/informationbulletin/informationbulletin.php>.

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