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Title 27 Rulemaking Package

The final Title 27 Rulemaking Package was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on October 31, 2013. OAL has 30 working days to review the package. California Environmental Protection (CalEPA) Unified Program staff continues to work with OAL to finalize the Title 27 Rulemaking Package. If approved, OAL will file the proposed regulations with the Secretary of State for adoption to the California Code of Regulations. CalEPA expects that the proposed regulations will be adopted and effective by the end of December.

Japan Tsunami Marine Debris Bi-Monthly Update Meetings and Website Information

On a bi-monthly basis representatives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program hold conference call meetings to provide an opportunity for information sharing and collaboration on efforts related to Japan Tsunami Marine Debris. Participants on this call include primarily response and resource management agency representatives from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, Guam, British Columbia, and Mexico. The next update call is Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. PST. The call-in number is [1-888-790-6110](tel:1-888-790-6110) and the passcode is 46981#. In addition to these bi-monthly meetings, NOAA maintains a website specifically dedicated to the Japan Tsunami Marine Debris disaster, which contains a wealth of information and images on this topic. Please use the following link to view NOAA's Japan Tsunami Marine Debris at <http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/disaster-debris/japan-tsunami-marine-debris>. The California Regional Coordinator for the NOAA Marine Debris Program is Sherry Lippiatt. Ms. Lippiatt's contact information is provided below.

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Department of Toxic Substances Control

Quarterly Public Meeting

DTSC will begin to hold quarterly public meetings on key initiatives of public interest, beginning with a meeting on December 16, 2013. The meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to Noon, at the Byron Sher Auditorium, on the second floor of the CalEPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento. The meetings will be available via webcast at www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/, and the agenda may be viewed at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/upload/AGENDA_PUBLIC_MTG_DTSC.pdf. The public may ask questions at the meeting or via e-mail (public comments will be accepted after each agenda item). To submit public comments via e-mail, please use: DTSCPublicMeeting@dtsc.ca.gov.

Hazardous Waste Tracking System (HWTS)

DTSC Director Debbie Raphael has posted a message in response to a recent article in the LA Times of the HWTS. The message can be viewed at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/upload/HazWaste_Tracking.pdf.

Revised PEA Guidance Manual

DTSC is asking for comments on the revised Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA) Guidance Manual (Interim Final – Revised October 2013). This guidance manual is for evaluating hazardous substance release sites. DTSC will be accepting comments until October 2014. The revised manual can be viewed at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/upload/Preliminary-Endangerment-Assessment-Guidance-Manual.pdf>. Comments can be submitted via e-mail at PEAManualComments@dtsc.ca.gov.

State Water Resources Control Board - None

Office of Emergency Services – Cal OES (formerly Cal EMA) - None

CAL Fire-Office of State Fire Marshal

Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA)

The APSA Advisory Committee last met on October 2, 2013. The meeting notices and minutes may be viewed at http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/advisorycommittees/advisorycommittees_apsa.php. The APSA Advisory Committee will next meet on January 23, 2014.

The APSA Regulations Workgroup last met on October 1, 2013. The regulations subgroups have begun proposing language for the regulations. Subgroup A, which is chaired by Carolyn Brown and Jeremy Gates, covers administration, definitions, and applicability. Subgroup A will next meet on December 6, 2013. Subgroup B, which is chaired by Sande Pence, covers general and specific provisions and requirements. Subgroup B met on November 19, 2013. The date for the next meeting for Subgroup B has yet to be determined. Subgroup C, which is chaired by Michelle Le, covers CUPA inspection, enforcement, reporting, CUPA training, cleanup, abatement, etc. The date for the next meeting for Subgroup C has yet to be determined. The CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal, in coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, has established a smaller subgroup to develop regulations for tanks in underground areas. The Tanks in Underground Areas Subgroup initially met on November 13, 2013, and will next meet on December 19, 2013.

For more information please contact Jennifer Lorenzo at (916) 324-0332 or Jennifer.Lorenzo@fire.ca.gov.

California Fire Code

The 2013 California Fire Code has been adopted and will become effective January 1, 2014. All parts of the 2013 triennial edition of the California Building Standards Code (Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), including the California Fire Code (Part 9), may now be viewed online at <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes.aspx> (click on the 2013 triennial edition). For additional information, visit the California Building Standards Commission website at <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes.aspx>.

Hazardous Liquid Pipelines

The CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal is no longer responsible for interstate hazardous liquid pipelines in California. Effective January 1, 2013, all interstate hazardous liquid pipelines are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration. Intrastate hazardous liquid pipelines in California are still regulated by the CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal. For more information, please visit the CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal Pipeline Safety Division website at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/pipeline/pipeline.php>.