



# CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



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### California Environmental Protection Agency

#### **New Assistant Secretary**

Matt Rodriguez is pleased to announce that Jim Bohon has been selected as the new Assistant Secretary for Local Programs and Emergency Response.

Jim has 29 years of experience in local and state government working in the area of emergency and disaster response and hazardous materials regulatory programs. His career in California government was preceded by 12 years in the U.S. Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer.

Jim has been with the Cal/EPA Office of the Secretary since in August of 2005 as the manager of the Unified Program Section. In August of 2012 he was selected to serve as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Local Programs and Emergency Response. Prior to his tenure with the Office of the Secretary, Jim held several positions with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the California Emergency Management Agency. During this period he was instrumental in the development of California's Unified Hazardous Materials Regulatory Program, which coordinates, consolidates and makes consistent the regulatory activities of five state agencies and 83 local hazardous materials programs, affecting more than 144,000 regulated businesses. In addition, he was responsible for the development of the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) that will enable all Unified Program reporting to occur electronically.

**Decade – NEHA AEC 2013 Scholarship - Attached**

**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 Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) has established an APSA advisory committee. Meeting notices and meeting minutes will be posted on the OSFM advisory committees' website at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/advisorycommittees/advisorycommittees.php>. For additional information, contact Jennifer Lorenzo at (916) 324-0232 or [Jennifer.Lorenzo@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Lorenzo@fire.ca.gov).

**California Fire Code**

The California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) has reviewed and approved the building standards codes (includes fire code) for adoption. The codes 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 CBSC website at <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes/adoptcycle/2012Cycle.aspx>.