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CERS Public Information Access Pilot

In response to input from CUPAs, PAs and the CERS Regulator User Group, Cal/EPA is pleased to announce a pilot feature will be added to CERS in the late spring of 2013 that is expected to run for approximately six to nine months. This pilot is intended to address potential CUPA and PA workload increases associated with Public Records Act (PRA) requests for business information that has been electronically submitted to CERS. This pilot will allow members of the public to search for and print or download facility submittal and hazardous materials inventory submittal information that has been accepted by the UPA and that is considered 'public information'. Cal/EPA will seek feedback from CERS users, business and UPAs during the operation of this pilot. This pilot will be available from the CERS Central home page without a CERS access account. Information that will be made available will be limited to facility submittal and hazardous materials inventory submittal information that has been reviewed and accepted by the local UPA. Facility site maps which are considered confidential will not be included. More information will follow.

Update Your Website To Meet Electronic Reporting Requirements

Many CUPAs and PAs have posted on their websites information and documents businesses have used to meet local and state reporting requirements. As January 1, 2013 nears, it is important that you review and update the text and documents posted on your website to ensure that they consistent with statewide electronic reporting requirements by January 1, 2013. For example, local reporting requirements on your website cannot be different than the local reporting requirements posted in CERS (otherwise businesses that report to CERS will not know that you have additional requirements). Forms and documents that you have required businesses to submit in the past must be removed if they duplicate electronic reporting in CERS or added to CERS (as a link) if they collect data that is not currently collected in CERS or is not capable of being derived from data that is reported to CERS (ex: total quantities of hazardous materials by hazard class can be derived from data in the HMIS submittal element). Please direct any questions to Dan Firth, CERS Project Manager.

Department of Toxic Substances Control – None

State Water Resources Control Board – None

California Emergency Management Services - None

Office of State Fire Marshal

California Fire Code

The California Code of Regulations Title 24 rulemaking continues. Comments received from the public have been posted on the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) website at <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes/adoptcycle/2nd45DayPublicComment.aspx>.

For additional information, please visit the Office of the State Fire Marshal Code Development and Analysis website at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/codedevelopment/codedevelopment.php> or the CBSC website at <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes/adoptcycle/2012Cycle.aspx>.