

DTSC Achievements for IRP – November 16, 2016

New Deputy Director of Public Participation:

Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza, 48, of Los Angeles, has been appointed deputy director of public participation. Mendoza has been environmental program manager at the Southern California Gas Company since 2013. She was California regional manager at ICLEI: Local Governments for Sustainability from 2010 to 2011 and a staff attorney and policy director at the Environmental Defense Fund's Environmental Justice Project Office from 2000 to 2009. <https://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=19602>

Cleaning up dry cleaner sites:

Dry cleaning operations in California have not always been the greenest, so DTSC has spent a lot of time and money supervising the removal of toxic chemicals such as PCE and TCE from groundwater and soil. This property in San Anselmo used to be a dry cleaners, and a 40 loads of contaminated soil is being trucked out.

<http://www.marinij.com/environment-and-nature/20161021/toxic-site-cleanup-proposed-in-san-anselmo>

The Porsche Experience:

A grand opening event for this spectacular driver skills-training and entertainment complex was held Nov. 15 in Carson. This 53-acre site that DTSC helped cleanup is an example of an innovative use for a former landfill. The project is expected to generate millions of dollars in economic activity for the area.

<https://www.porschedriving.com/porsche-experience-center-los-angeles/experiences>

Haz-Waste Reduction Initiative:

DTSC is working on a program to reduce hazardous waste generated and disposed of in California. DTSC will select pilot projects that will reduce hazardous waste; Community meetings on this initiative were held November 14 in Los Angeles.

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/CPHWRI/upload/Meeting-Notice_Nov14_FINAL_ENG.pdf

Former manufactured gas site being cleaned up:

In Red Bluff, DTSC is supervising the cleanup of a former manufactured gas site. The Department is involved in the remediation of many of these types of sites throughout California. The property could be redeveloped after the nine-month cleanup, expected to start in January. <http://www.redbluffdailynews.com/general-news/20161112/former-manufactured-gas-plant-cleanup-schedule-to-begin-in-january>

Safer Consumer Products (SCP):

More than 300 industry experts and stakeholders participated in [a webinar on November 15](#) to discuss product categories and chemicals of interest to the department. The webinar was part of DTSC's implementation of its Priority Products Work Plan, opening a dialogue to be followed by in-depth public workshops on each of the topics beginning in January. DTSC presented its findings and requested additional information on three topics:

- Exposure of nail salon workers to hazardous chemicals found in nail products.
- Specific chemicals (nonylphenol ethoxylates and triclosan) found in consumer products that can enter the aquatic environment and harm aquatic life.
- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFASs), a class of stain- and water-repellant chemicals used in a wide range of consumer products. DTSC will discuss its findings and questions about the use of PFAS in upholstered furniture, carpets, rugs, and carpet treatment products.

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PressRoom/upload/News_Release_T-18-16.pdf