

# **NOTICE**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has determined that the Western Environmental Inc. facility located in Mecca (Riverside County) does not have a valid hazardous waste permit to operate in the State of California. The facility, which accepts non-RCRA hazardous waste, is located in the Coachella Valley near Indio on tribal land owned by the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians. Because this facility accepts non-RCRA hazardous waste, under California law it must either obtain a permit (1) from DTSC or (2) from the Cabazon tribe after the tribe has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection agency (Cal/EPA). Western Environmental Inc. has neither requested nor received a permit from DTSC to operate a hazardous waste facility. The Cabazon tribe has not entered into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of Cal/EPA authorizing the tribe to issue a hazardous waste permit.

For these reasons, we are notifying you that Western Environmental Inc. is not authorized to receive non-RCRA hazardous waste. Any shipments made to this facility are therefore considered to be out of compliance with California law. For further information, please contact Carmen Amezcua at (916) 255-3608, Tari Patterson at (916) 255-1772, or Janet Auwae at (916) 255-4790.