



## HAZ-WASTE REDUCTION INITIATIVE

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### **Haz-Waste Reduction Initiative: Monthly Highlights (September 2016)**

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is currently carrying out the Community Protection and Hazardous Waste Reduction Initiative (Haz-Waste Reduction Initiative), directed and funded for two years by a budget action approved in 2015. The Haz-Waste Reduction Initiative is designed to leverage DTSC's goal to reduce the amount of hazardous waste generated in the state and disposed into hazardous waste landfills by 2025.

The purpose of these monthly highlights is to provide the public with an update on the status of the Haz-Waste Reduction Initiative and related efforts. Although many of these activities are ongoing, DTSC has accomplished the following during the month of September 2016:

- In process of finalizing [four pilot project proposals](#) (proposals) on the topics of lead acid batteries, contaminated soil, petroleum refineries, and organic solvent waste;
- Begun to develop project activity plans for each of the proposals;
- Engaged internal executive and project management in other relevant DTSC projects for potential collaboration and leveraging of existing programs and resources;
- Business conference call with members of the Advisory Committee;
- Outreach to various external stakeholders in state and federal agencies, regulated industry, and other potential partners;
- Initiated [SB 14](#) source reduction call-ins; and
- Planning for public meetings in November with the Advisory Committee and interested members of the public in Los Angeles. Additional details forthcoming.

Additional information regarding the Haz-Waste Reduction Initiative will be made available on a monthly basis or at the reoccurring public meetings. To learn more, visit the website at [DTSC.ca.gov/HW-reduction](http://DTSC.ca.gov/HW-reduction).