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## **Cal/EPA Announces Household Hazardous Waste / Used Oil Program Award Winners**

**Sacramento**-- California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Secretary Peter M. Rooney will present the Cal/EPA Household Hazardous Waste-Used Oil Program Awards on Thursday, March 5, 1998 during the Third Annual Statewide Household Hazardous Waste Conference held at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove March 4-6.

“It gives me great pleasure to present these awards,” said Rooney. “Household hazardous waste programs provide a vital service to California residents and small business, helping prevent pollution, minimize waste, and reduce hazards, while promoting the 3Rs for the environment: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The programs we are honoring are the best of the best.”

The conference and the statewide awards competition are sponsored by Cal/EPA’s Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB).

DTSC provides assistance to local entities who wish to establish household hazardous waste programs and regulates the disposal of used oil and household hazardous wastes. The IWMB, through partnerships with local government, industry and the public, seeks to achieve a 50 percent reduction in waste disposed of by the year 2000.

The award categories include Best New Program, Program Excellence, Outstanding Rural Program and Program Innovation. The Awards Committee selected eleven winners and three honorable mentions.

“It’s great that cities, counties, and non profit groups, who have dedicated the time and resources to develop quality household hazardous waste programs are getting statewide recognition for their efforts,” said Jesse R. Huff, DTSC Director.

“The safe and proper disposal of household hazardous wastes through award-winning programs such as these sets a worthwhile example that communities throughout California can learn and benefit from,” said Integrated Waste Management Board Chairman, Daniel G. Pennington. “I congratulate all the winners and their innovative approaches that recognize common household products like bleaches, cleansers, paints, and similar items need to be safely disposed once they’ve served their useful purposes.”

Winners of the Awards include:

Best New Program	Central Contra Costa Sanitary District HHW Program Contact: Elaine Jacobs (510) 229-7395
Program Excellence	City of Santa Monica HHW Program Contact: Brian Johnson (310) 458-8228
Program Excellence Program	Sonoma County Waste Management Agency HHW Contact: Lesli Daniel (707) 527-3687
Program Innovation	San Joaquin County Agricultural Oil Collection Program Contact: Alison Hudson (209) 468-3066
*Honorable Mention	“Build-A-Bay” Kern County Special Waste Facility Contact: Lyn Beurmann (805) 862-3066
*Honorable Mention	Miramar Landfill Load Check Program City of San Diego Contact: Donna Skinner (619) 492-5006
Outstanding Rural Program	Mendocino County HHW HazMobile Contact: Mike Sweeney (707) 468-9710
Smaller Is Better	YSDI-Gridley HHW Facility Contact: Jack Slota (530) 846-5695
Togetherness	WestEnd Integrated Waste Reduction Group Contact: Acquanetta Warren (909) 743-6933
Honorable Mention	GREEN-Government Resources Environmental Education Network - Sonoma County Contact: Lesli Daniel (707) 527-3687
Pickled Skunk Brains	“World War II Army Rations” Central Contra Costa Sanitary District HHW Program Contact: Elaine Jacobs (510) 229-7395
Strange Occurrences	“Hand Trucks Will Travel” City of San Diego HHW Program Contact: Donna Skinner (619) 492-5006
Picturesque	“A Classic HHW Event” City of Oxnard HHW Program Contact: Barbara Wulf (805) 385-8012

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