



DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC
SUBSTANCES CONTROL



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Program Highlights

Statutory Authority:
California Health and Safety
Code, Division 20, Chapter
6.10, sections 25401 to
25402.3, and sections 57008,
57009 and 57010.

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California Land Environmental Restoration and Reuse Act

Passed in 2000, Senate Bill 32 enacted the California Land Environmental Restoration and Reuse Act. The Act establishes a local agency hazardous materials cleanup program designed to help return brownfield properties to productive uses. In addition, it requires Cal/EPA to provide a variety of information related to brownfields cleanups, and to develop a set screening values for hazardous substances commonly found at brownfields sites.

In response to this Act, the following have occurred:

- The California Environmental Protection Agency has established guidelines for the selection of an appropriate oversight agency. This document may be viewed at:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/brownfields/documents/2002/Guidelines.pdf>
- The Office of Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has published a draft report outlining a proposed methodology for calculating screening values to aid in estimating the cleanup costs for contaminated soil. Workshops were held and OEHHA is currently evaluating the comments received and revising the document, as necessary, in response. The draft report can be viewed at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/risk/pdf/screenreport31204.pdf>
- The Act establishes a local agency hazardous materials cleanup program to facilitate the brownfields cleanup process. To date, no local agencies have proposed sites for cleanup under this program.
- To assist in better understanding the processes that govern cleanup decisions, Cal/EPA, working with DTSC and the Water Boards, have developed a document that describes the cleanup programs and processes of both DTSC and the Water Boards. This document may be viewed at:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/brownfields/documents/2003/SB32Info.pdf>
- A scientific review panel completed its analysis of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's screening values.
- Although suggested as an opportunity to streamline the cleanup process in the Act, no sites in the specified pilot project area (area covered by the Los Angeles, Santa Ana and San Diego Water Boards) have requested the ability to use the screening values developed by the San Francisco Bay Water Board as part of their cleanup process.

Further information is available on the Cal/EPA webpage at
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/brownfields/sb32.htm>