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CALIFORNIA
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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS

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Program Highlights

Statutory Authority:
California Health and
Safety Code, Division
20, Chapter 6.65

Number of Site
Designations: 101 as of
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Designation of a Lead Administering Agency

Established in 1994, this process was created to minimize and/or eliminate the duplication of effort of state and local regulatory agencies involved in the oversight of site cleanup. Upon receipt of an application, the Site Designation Committee (made up of representatives from the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control, State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Health Hazard Assessment, Department of Fish and Game and the Air Resources Board) considers the application and other appropriate information and designates an appropriate administering agency.

Some of the highlights of this program are listed below:

- A Responsible Party can request the Site Designation Committee to select a single local or state agency as the administering agency to oversee the site investigation and cleanup action.
- The Administering Agency consults with other appropriate and support agencies to ensure consistency in applying the other agencies' requirements.
- A Certificate of Completion is issued after a site cleanup has been completed. Once issued, the certification provides that no additional cleanup work need be done absent special circumstances.

Eligibility Requirements:

- A hazardous materials release has occurred at the site.
- The Responsible Party must agree to carry out a site investigation and cleanup.
- The Responsible Party must submit an application to the California Environmental Protection Agency requesting the lead agency designation.
- The Responsible Party must agree to pay for agency(s) oversight costs and/or costs of permit development.

Further information is available on the Cal/EPA webpage at:

- Fact Sheet:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/publications/factsheets/1997/sitedefs.htm>
- Implementation Guide:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/programs/sitedesig/guide/default.htm>
- Site Designation Committee Home Page:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/programs/sitedesig/default.htm>