Independent Review Panel
Senate Bill 83

- SB 83 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2015) added section 57014 to the Health & Safety Code
  - “There is within the Department of Toxic Substances Control an independent review panel, comprising three members, to review and make recommendations regarding improvements to the department’s permitting, enforcement, public outreach, and fiscal management.”

- Statute effective date: June 24, 2015
The Panel

- The Independent Review Panel is comprised of 3 members:
  - Panelist with scientific experience related to toxic materials (appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly)
  - Panelist who is a community representative (appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules)
  - Panelist who is a local government management expert (appointed by the Governor)
The Panel Members

- Dr. Arezoo Campbell
- Mr. Gideon Kracov, J.D.
- Mr. Mike Vizzier
What does the Panel do?

- The Independent Review Panel:
  - May advise DTSC on issues related to DTSC’s reporting obligations
  - Shall make recommendations for improving DTSC’s programs
  - Shall advise DTSC on compliance with Section 57007
The Independent Review Panel shall:

- Report to the Governor and the Legislature 90 days after the Panel is initially appointed and every 90 days thereafter
- Report on DTSC’s progress in:
  - Reducing permitting and enforcement backlogs
  - Improving public outreach
  - Improving fiscal management
Panel Recommendations

- The Panel shall submit its recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor:
  - At the time of the submission of the Governor’s 2016-17 annual budget to the Legislature
  - At the time of each submission of the Governor’s annual budget thereafter
Panel Sunset Date

- HSC section 57014(i) authorizes the existence of the IRP until January 1, 2018
Report Deadlines

- Jan. 10, 2016  Annual Report ✓
- Jan. 28, 2016  Progress Report ✓
- April 27, 2016 Progress Report ✓
- July 26, 2016  Progress Report ✓
- Oct. 24, 2016  Progress Report ✓
- Jan. 10, 2017  Annual Report
- Jan. 22, 2017  Progress Report
- April 21, 2017 Progress Report
- July 20, 2017  Progress Report
- Oct. 18, 2017  Progress Report
- Dec. 31, 2017  Annual Report

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IRP Work Plan for 2016-2017

- Jan. 2016: Initial Recommendations
- Feb. – April 2016: Permitting
- April – July 2016: Enforcement
- July – Oct. 2016: Public Outreach
- Jan. – April 2017: Site Mitigation

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Contents of Typical IRP Report

- Description of DTSC program or programs
- Information requests of DTSC
- Recommendations for Governor and Legislature
- Recommendations for DTSC
- Recommended performance metrics for DTSC
IRP Website


IRP Website Pages

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- Panel member information
- IRP governance documents
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IRP Website Pages, continued

- IRP correspondence
- Documents and communications submitted by the public
- Meeting webcasts
- IRP reports
Join the IRP Elist!

- Click on Elist link from IRP website to subscribe for updates on Panel activities
Reaching Across Language Barriers

- Spanish version of meeting notices/agendas
- Spontaneous translation to Spanish available at meetings by advance request
How to Participate in a Panel Meeting from a Remote Location

- Many IRP meetings are webcasted
- Webcast meeting portal: [http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/)
- Email address for submitting public comments from offsite during meeting: [dtscpublicmeeting@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:dtscpublicmeeting@dtsc.ca.gov)
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