November 2017 Recent Achievements

Around Sacramento

**DTSC aids in the Northern California Wildfires Response:** DTSC’s primary focus is assessing and removing household hazardous waste, such as batteries, paints, electronic waste, flammable liquids and asbestos. DTSC will work to remove the dangers as quickly as possible so people can return to their properties and begin to rebuild their lives. Since October 9, 2017, DTSC has been coordinating with the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (OES), CalEPA, US EPA, and the impacted counties. So far, DTSC has received mission assignments from OES for Yuba, Lake, Nevada, Butte and Mendocino counties. We may also be needed to provide cleanup in Solano County. More than 25 homes were destroyed in Nevada County. DTSC emergency response staff began removing household hazardous waste in the area on October 19, 2017. DTSC will be doing similar work in many other Northern California counties in the near future as fires have devastated the region.
https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaDTSC/?hc_ref=ARQYYaSQjzI2jyhFuZDloQD1S77O-r-uzCY4hyouh8tA3m-8FANKLOoiRsrCa0HJecPA

DTSC’s Emergency Response Division is overseeing the cleanup of hazardous materials in residential areas burned out from wild fires. For a brief overview, visit DTSC’s YouTube page to watch “DTSC Wild Fire Cleanup.”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBeUNeW3iFs

**Ongoing cleanup from the Wall and Ponderosa fires:** County officials are collaborating with DTSC in ongoing cleanup from the Wall and Ponderosa fires east of Oroville. Property owners who need assistance with clean-up should call Brenda Rightmyer with the Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council at (530) 370-5302.

**Draft Language Access and Civil Rights Policies Released for Public Comment:** DTSC updated, with input from community stakeholders, a Draft Civil Rights Policy and developed a new Draft Language Access Policy. These draft policies were released for public comment on September 5, 2017 in six languages, including English, Spanish, Tagalog, Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese. The public comment period closed October 31, 2017. http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/EnvironmentalJustice/Kettleman_Agreement.cfm
DTSC Diversity and Inclusion Work Group and Organizational Health Assessment Reports, and the U.S. EPA HERO Review: DTSC released the findings from the Organizational Health Assessment, the Diversity and Inclusion Work Group Report, and the U.S. EPA review of the work performed by the Human and Ecological Risk Office. Each of these reports shares a common theme of examining the culture, professionalism, and health of our Department. The contents of these reports establish a benchmark for the Department to build upon, as we use this information to continue improving DTSC’s programs, services, workplace and culture.

DTSC helps bring awareness about National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, October 22-28, 2017: Each year National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is a call to bring together individuals, organizations, industry, and state and local governments to help increase lead awareness by using their efforts and collaborations to reduce childhood exposure to lead. This year's theme is "Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future." [https://www.epa.gov/lead/national-lead-poisoning-prevention-week](https://www.epa.gov/lead/national-lead-poisoning-prevention-week); [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/OHB/OLPPP/Pages/LeadResources.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DEODC/OHB/OLPPP/Pages/LeadResources.aspx); [http://www.nchh.org/Policy/NationalSafeandHealthyHousingCoalition/LeadPoisoningPreventionWeek2017.aspx](http://www.nchh.org/Policy/NationalSafeandHealthyHousingCoalition/LeadPoisoningPreventionWeek2017.aspx); [https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/nlppw.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/nlppw.htm)

Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs

Request for community participants in the Community Dialogue on the Management of Contaminated Soil – Second meeting on November 14, 2017 in Delano, CA: DTSC is hosting a 3-part meeting series (Community Dialogue) which will explore various community perspectives on the management of contaminated soil, provide information on the benefits and drawbacks of technical options, and develop guidelines for the role of communities in decision-making processes for the Department to consider. The first meeting was co-hosted by the Del Amo Action Committee and the People’s Senate and will be held in Los Angeles on Saturday, October 28 and the third meeting will be held in Oakland on December 2. For more information: [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/EnvironmentalJustice/upload/CommDialogue_SaveTheDate_FINAL_rev.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/EnvironmentalJustice/upload/CommDialogue_SaveTheDate_FINAL_rev.pdf).
**Safer Consumer Products**

**Lead-acid Batteries & Alternatives Public Workshop:** A public workshop on lead-acid batteries and alternatives was held on November 6, 2017, in Sacramento, California. The workshop covered the various uses of lead-acid batteries, the regulatory landscape they face, lithium-iron-phosphate batteries as a potential alternative in vehicles, automobile manufacturer perspectives, and issues such as recycling. This information was gathered as part of DTSC's work to evaluate whether lead-acid batteries should be listed as a Priority Product under California's Safer Consumer Products regulations. The workshop was broadcast via webinar.

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SCP/Workshops.cfm

**DTSC solicited public input and nominations for the 2018-2020 Priority Product Work Plan:** DTSC invited interested parties to submit recommendations, nominations or comments regarding the new Work Plan for the Safer Consumer Products program. Recommendations may include product categories to consider for the new Work Plan and product categories from the 2015-2017 Work Plan that DTSC should consider carrying over into the 2018-2020 Work Plan. The comment period closed on November 6, 2017. DTSC will use the stakeholder input as it drafts the next three year Work Plan.

https://calsafer.dtsc.ca.gov/cms/commentpackage/?rid=12732

**Permitting**

**DTSC made a final permit decision to issue a Class C Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the California Oil Transfer LLC facility in Modesto, CA:** This action reflects changes DTSC has made to the draft permit in consideration of the comments or to correct errors and omissions identified by DTSC after the draft permit was released for review. The permit will become effective on December 12, 2017 unless the decision is appealed.


**Rulemaking**

**Proposed regulations on the Criteria for the Issuance of a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit or Permit Modification:** The public comment period for the proposed regulations on the Criteria for the Issuance of a Hazardous Waste Facility, Permit, or

**Proposed Federal Post-Closure Rule Draft State Regulations**: The public comment period for the Federal Post-Closure Rule Draft State Regulations (R-2017-02) will be open from October 13 through December 1, 2017. DTSC will hold a formal public hearing on December 1, 2017 at the Sacramento Regional Office (Cal Center). http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/Regs/Federal-Post-Closure-Rule- Regulations.cfm