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Container Storage Yards A New Environmental Justice Community Nightmare

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Environmental Justice Communities Concerns with SB 673

- * What are Hazardous Waste Facilities (HWF)?**
- * Does the definition of a Hazardous Waste Facility need to be expanded?**
- * What is the definition of Hazardous Waste?**
- * Does the definition of a Hazardous Waste need to be expanded?**
- * Are Container Storage Yards a HWF?**

How A Port Business Policy Change Creates A New Cumulative Impact On Vulnerable Populations

The Port of Los Angeles and Port of Long Beach adopt a new business policy in the 1990's to no longer store Tenant empty containers on port property.

This forced Tenants to find new locations off-tidelands port property in the Los Angeles Harbor community of Wilmington.

City of Los Angeles had no city Ordinances or Planning Zoning Criteria for Container Storage Yards (CSY's) until recently.

There has never been an Environmental Impact Assessment of Container Storage Yards (CSY's) by the Port, City, County, State or any governmental regulatory agency.

Container Storage Yards



Environmental Justice Community Issues

- 1. Unlicensed Businesses, Unpermitted Businesses & No Approved Certificate of Occupancy.**
- 2. Many public street routes to CSY's are not zoned for heavy duty trucks.**
- 3. Trucks enter No Over 6,000 lb. streets even with posted signs.**
- 5. Most CSY's are dirt lots which generate significant dust and PM in the ambient air as trucks enter & leave.**

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- 6. Trucks leak motor oil, brake oil, transmission fluid on the ground, on public streets & sidewalks.**
- 7. Many CSY's also become Truck, Chassis & Container maintenance & repair garages.**
- 8. Many CSY's also become TRU maintenance & repair facilities.**
- 9. Many CSY's also refill Truck air conditioner units & TRU units with refrigerants (HFC's).**

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- 10. Many CSY's wash trucks, containers, chassis in which the water run-off goes into the sidewalk, gutters, streets and sewer system.**
- 11. Many containers that are washed have held Toxic & Hazardous chemicals or Fumigated.**
- 12. CSY's become Container Grave Yards in which containers will never leave.
Community Blight.**
- 13. CSY's become trash dumping magnets.
Community Blight.**

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- 14. Many containers are Reefers in which the refrigerants (HFC's) are never evacuated so GHG's escape into the atmosphere daily.**
- 15. Most containers are manufactured over seas, are they painted with lead paint & toxic coatings which peel & pulverize into dust.**
- 16. When it rains CSY's become a new vector mosquito havens & neighborhoods have an infestation problem.**
- 17. CSY's become a new vector rat havens & neighborhoods have an infestation problem.**

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- 18. CSY's become a new vector raccoon havens & neighborhoods have an infestation problem.**
- 19. CSY's become a new vector possum havens & neighborhoods have an infestation problem.**
- 20. CSY's become a new drug dealer & user area.**
- 21. CSY's become a new homeless encampment.**