



## Questions and Comments from the May 12 CUPA Meeting in El Centro

- What is “local control”? Will we have it here?
- Will the overall fees increase, decrease, or stay the same (compared to what people are paying currently)?
- Will DTSC work with local agencies?
- Can the County still take back the CUPA role if they change their mind?
- Why is DTSC taking over the UST program—why not let the County continue?
- Why was there no advance notice of the start of the comment period?
- Why did the County decline to be the CUPA?
- Is it too late for the County to change its mind?
- Will the County turn over its records (of currently regulated businesses) to DTSC?
- Does the AST program include trap wagons?
- Does “vehicle repair” services include forklifts, etc.?
- Is the \$1 million (budget amount set by DTSC) just for Imperial County?
- Is a small generator (e.g., one who has just a single 55-gallon tank) charged the same as a large generator? Are the fees dependent on the amount of hazardous waste?
- Is DTSC’s budget open to public review (scrutiny)?
- Are the UST fees listed in the presentation per tank?
- Do you only need to meet one of the listed requirements to have to file a Business Plan?
- Shouldn’t DTSC have found out how many businesses would be involved, and other pertinent information, before setting a budget and fees?
- Couldn’t the \$60,000 grant have been used to gather that data (list of affected businesses)?
- Were the previous fees adjusted up or down (in setting the new ones)?
- If fees are based on the cost of running the program, how will fines be set?
- Will fines be treated as “extra” money, above and beyond what’s needed to run the program? What happens to any such surplus? Can the money be taken by the State for other programs?
- Does Arizona have CUPAs? New Mexico?
- How do we educate the regulators that small businesses have to be competitive, and that we can’t compete (with other states, other countries) when we have to pay all these fees and taxes?
- People illegally dump hazardous materials on our property (ranches, etc.) to avoid paying disposal fees.
- How can we catch these illegal dumpers?
- This sucks.
- What is the purpose of the upcoming workshops?
- If contamination is found, do we go through the public notification process? (This questions was determined to be related to Prop 65)