

15-DAY PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT PERIOD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF EXTERNAL SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW
REPORTS FOR THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS OF THE REGULATIONS FOR

MERCURY WASTE CLASSIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT

Department Reference Number: R-02-04

Pursuant to Government Code section 11347.1, subdivision (b), notice is hereby given that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is adding two external scientific peer review reports to the rulemaking file for R-02-04, Mercury Waste Classification and Management.

DTSC has complied with Health and Safety Code section 57004 regarding submission of the scientific portions of the proposed mercury waste classification and management regulations to an external scientific peer review. The scientific basis of the regulations is contained in the Draft Mercury Report, released in October 2001, and finalized in August 2002. The finalized Mercury Report was submitted to [California State University, Chico](#), and the [University of California, Santa Cruz](#) for scientific peer reviews. Their written reports, which contain an evaluation of the scientific basis of the regulations, have been added to the rulemaking file.

Notice is given that any interested persons may submit comments regarding the external scientific peer review reports by e-mail to regs@dtsc.ca.gov, by fax to (916) 323-3215, or by mail to:

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Written comments submitted prior to 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2002, will be considered.

The external scientific peer review reports are available on the Internet at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov> and for public inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Environmental Analysis and Regulations Section, located at 1001 I Street, 22nd Floor,

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Sacramento, California. Requests and inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Ms. Joan Ferber, Environmental Analysis and Regulations Sections, at the address indicated above or by telephone at (916) 322-6409. If Ms. Ferber is unavailable, please call Ms. Nicole Sotak at (916) 327-4508 or Mr. James McRitchie at (916) 327-8642.

Inquiries regarding technical aspects of the external scientific peer review report should be directed to Ms. Corey Yep, of the Hazardous Waste Management Program, at (916) 324-5772. If Ms. Yep is unavailable, please call Mr. André Algazi at (916) 324-3114. However, such oral inquiries are not part of the rulemaking record.

Dated: 11/15/02

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