

**EXPLANATION OF REASONS
CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE, R-03-04
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is amending its conflict of interest code to make nonsubstantive changes recommended by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and to make the code current with DTSC's existing organizational structure. The specific explanation of each proposed change is as follows:

66250.1 Disclosure Categories

Changes proposed for this section are nonsubstantive clarifications recommended by the FPPC.

- The definition of "income" is being amended to include gifts, loans and travel payments. The FPPC recommends making this explicit in conflict of interest codes to provide clarification to persons in designated positions.
- The phrase "income from these sources" is being added as a clarification to persons in designated positions that when reporting income, they are required to include income from positions held in business entities with activities subject to regulation or oversight by the Department.

66250.2 Employee Designations.

Nonsubstantive changes are needed to bring the list of DTSC's designated employees current with DTSC's existing organizational structure. The following positions and classifications have been abolished and are no longer utilized at DTSC:

- Chief, Office of Regulatory and Public Assistance
- Construction Inspectors II
- Loan Officer
- Staff Loan Officer (Supervisor)

Nonsubstantive changes are also needed because several positions have been changed from one classification to another, while retaining the same duties.

These positions are as follows:

- Hazardous Substances Engineering Geologists (and Supervising)
 - Reclassified to Engineering Geologists, a service-wide class rather than a department specific class. Current parenthetical reference to Supervising redundant.
- Senior Hazardous Substances Engineering Geologists
 - Reclassified to Senior Engineering Geologists, a service-wide class, rather than a department specific class
- Senior Special Investigators
 - Reclassified to Criminal Investigators, a DTSC classification, rather than a service-wide class

- Special Investigators I
 - Reclassified to Criminal Investigators, a DTSC classification, rather than a service-wide class
- Supervising Hazardous Substances Engineering Geologists I and II
 - Reclassified to Supervising Engineering Geologists, a service-wide class, rather than a department specific class
- Supervising Special Investigators I and II
 - Reclassified to Supervising Criminal Investigators I and II, DTSC classifications, rather than service-wide classes

Substantive changes will follow in a separate rulemaking.