

Kings County CUPA Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes – 18 April 2007

Introductions:

Those in attendance introduced themselves. Special Guest: Robert Sullivan, DTSC.

The meeting was held at the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority located at 7803 Hanford-Armona Road in Hanford.

CUPA Programs & Proposed Legislation Update:

1. AB 518 – Introduced by Mendoza. Relates to inspection requirements for the Aboveground Storage Tank Act that requires Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure Plans (SPCC) for certain facilities with aboveground tanks. Basically the bill would change the required inspection frequency of aboveground tank facilities from every 3 years to every 2 years beginning January 1, 2008 and would prohibit the siting of tanks on lands that are subject to liquefaction.
2. AB1130-Laird – this bill would transfer the local authority to implement the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tank Act from the Regional Water Quality Control Board to the CUPA, basically expanding the responsibility of the CUPA with regards to this program.
3. AB729 – Introduced by Mullin. Recycling E-Waste: This bill requires the CIWMB to adopt regulations for the proper and legal donation of electronic devices intended for reuse to nonprofit organizations in order to close the gap for tracking all E-Waste donations.
4. AB1535 – Introduced by Huffman. E-Waste: This bill is currently in the Committee on Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials. It would expand the 2003 SB 20 E-waste Recycling ARF law to include Personal Computers and would require a retailer to collect a fee from the consumer at the time of retail sale of a personal computer to pay for later recycling.
5. SB329. This bill will allow an aboveground tank facility that is subject to the SPCC requirements to submit the SPCC plan to the CUPA in lieu of submitting a business plan.
6. SB966 - Pharmaceutical Drug Disposal. This bill will require that every retailer of pharmaceutical drugs to have in place a system for the acceptance and collection of unused drugs for proper disposal. Currently many unused pharmaceuticals are thrown in the trash or flushed down the toilet causing potential environmental harm.

All legislative bills can be reviewed at the leginfo website at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>. If you want to send comments to your legislators on any of the assembly bills go to <http://www.assembly.ca.gov/acs/acsframeset2text.htm>

Other CUPA related updates:

Underground Storage Tank Program

1. Cal-EPA is sponsoring a rulemaking package that will include updates to many of the Unified Program forms, including the UST permit application forms. The public comment period ends on May 7, 2007. To review or comment on the proposed changes go to <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/LawsRegs/ProposedRegs/UPCF/Default.htm>

2. The ICC certifications for Designated UST Operators (DO) must be renewed every 2 years. Be sure to notify the local CUPA of the current DO and expiration date of their certificate. The DO must conduct the required monthly inspections. If you hired a contractor to do this for you, ensure that the inspections are being conducted and that the contractor is ICC certified. See http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/ust/training/new_trng_reqmts.html or http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/training/icc_cert_info.html for more information about the Designated UST Operator requirements.

Hazardous Waste Generator Program

1. There was some feedback discussion about the adoption of the new federal hazardous waste manifest form that was effective September 5, 2006. The main complaint was that the forms are no longer color coded so it's harder to tell which copy is which. Also the generator's copy is difficult to read because of so many layers.
2. SB14 Source Reduction Program Evaluation Review and Plan for 2006: A reminder that there are three reports that we are required to complete and maintain on site: (1) Source Reduction Evaluation Review and Plan, (2) a Hazardous Waste Management Performance Report, and (3) a Summary Progress Report (SPR). Only the SPR is due to DTSC by September 1, 2007. You are subject to these requirements if you generated 12,000 kilograms (13.2 tons) of hazardous waste or 12 kilograms of extremely hazardous waste in 2006. More information and a training schedule is available at: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/SB14/SB14SourceReduction.cfm>
3. Our guest speaker was Robert A. Sullivan, Hazardous Substances Scientist for the Hazardous Waste Management Regulatory & Program Development Division at the Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC). He reminded us that February 2006 was the sunset of the Universal Waste disposal exemptions for households and Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators. Do not place Universal Waste items in the trash. Universal waste includes batteries, fluorescent lamps, televisions, computer monitors, non empty aerosol cans, mercury switches and mercury thermometers to name a few. He reviewed the E-Waste annual report guidelines and notification requirements. For guidance documents, FAQs, and more information, visit DTSC's website at www.dtsc.ca.gov or you can contact Robert directly via email at RSulliva@dtsc.ca.gov or via telephone at (916) 324-3159.

Business Plan Program

1. Business plan forms – Current business plan forms can be found at www.countyofkings.com/health/ehs/forms.htm. Also, check www.unidocs.org for links to other forms and information about hazardous materials programs.

Pollution Prevention Information

1. Tim provided several handouts and fact sheets with information on pollution prevention and waste reduction. More information can be found on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/index.cfm#Pollution_Prevention_Links

Miscellaneous:

1. A Salinas Valley Ammonia Safety Training Day flyer was handed out. This free training is to be held at Sherwood Hall in Salinas and is scheduled for May 24th. If you are interested in attending please register online or you can contact Executive Director Cori McCarthy at 831-663-5987, By Fax: 831-663-5988, Email: corilom@svasd.com <http://www.svasd.com/additionalinfo.html> . Their website has several ammonia training presentations available for viewing.
2. Mike Adams of Kings Waste Recycling Authority reminded everyone that since CRTs and other E-wastes are considered hazardous waste when disposed of and are covered under of the Universal Waste Recycling Act, the California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) have mandated that Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT's) such as those found in computer monitors, televisions, and some other electronic devices must now be handled as hazardous waste in California. The "picture tubes" in these devices can contain up to 8 pounds of lead. Because of this, these items can not be disposed of in municipal solid waste landfills. The next scheduled ***Household Hazardous Waste collection day*** is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 28th**.

Next Meeting:

1. The next meeting will be held at the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority located at 7803 Hanford-Armona Road in Hanford on **April 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.** Please plan to attend this important and informative meeting.

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