

Kings County CUPA Advisory Committee Meeting Notes – 19 April 2006

Introductions:

Those in attendance introduced themselves

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 2127 – Introduced by Plescia. Relates to hazardous/ universal waste: alkaline batteries. This bill would require the CIWMB and State Water Resources Control Board to conduct a study on the disposal and recyclability of household and small quantity generator batteries by July 1, 2007 to determine if there are any environmental impacts caused by disposal of this waste stream in municipal waste landfills. The bill would also renew the exemption for household and certain small business generated waste alkaline batteries from the Universal Waste standards until January 1, 2008. There are currently no California battery recyclers and all batteries are shipped out of state.

Other CUPA related updates:

Underground Storage Tank Program

1. Designated Operators 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 for more information about the Designated UST Operator requirements.
2. New guidelines for testing Spill buckets (LG-166-1), and leak detection sensors (LG-163-1), which must be tested annually. Most easily done during the annual monitoring system certification tests.
3. LG-167 Qualifications for UST installers & service technicians. To clarify training and certification requirements see <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust>
4. CUPA/State Water Board Workgroups are forming to study exemption wording for below grade tanks and funding mechanisms for upgrading remaining single wall tanks.

Hazardous Waste Generator Program

1. Adoption of new federal hazardous waste manifest form effective September 5, 2006. DTSC will be conducting training workshops for permitted facilities and transporters in June and July 2006 in conjunction with the California Waste Association (CWA) and the Independent Waste Oil Collectors and Transporters Association.
2. 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, latex paint, and mercury switches and thermometers to name a few. Guidance documents and FAQs can be viewed at DTSC: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UniversalWaste/index.cfm> and at CIWMB: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/LEACentral/UniWaste> .

Business Plan Program

1. Business plan forms - use the new forms when you update. These 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.

Miscellaneous:

1. Our guest speaker was Leticia Gonzalez of C-SET E-Recycling Solutions Services. They offer pick-up service, community collection events and drop off locations for your e-waste. For more information, Leticia can be reached at (559) 651-1032.
2. Mike Adams of Kings Waste Recycling Authority says they no longer charge \$10 for computer monitors to be dropped off. They are finalizing plans to make drop-off containers available at several locations throughout the county where residents can take e-waste and other types of universal wastes. The drop-off locations and availability will be publicized to the public very soon. The next scheduled Household Hazardous Waste collection day is May 6th.

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 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.** Please plan to attend this important and informative meeting.

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