TASK FORCE SUPPORT & SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH

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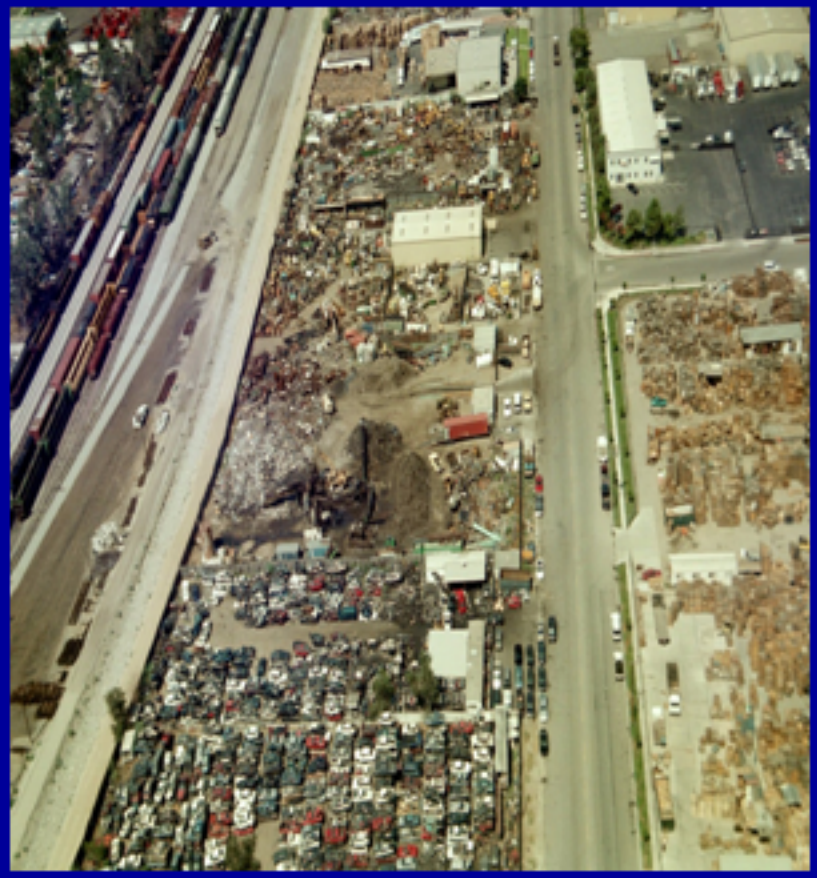
TFSSIB (cont).

This work also includes assisting the Cal/EPA cross-media enforcement unit on high priority criminal, civil, and multimedia cases. These cases are jointly investigated and prosecuted with other Cal/EPA regulatory agencies, federal agencies (EPA, FBI, USF&W), the California Attorney General's Office, federal and local prosecutors.

TFSSIB (cont.)

The special investigations component of the Branch's work includes the resolution of cases and the investigation of complaints referred by DTSC's Statewide Compliance Division.

The Branch also provides technical investigation assistance and expert testimony for civil and criminal investigations.



TFFSIB Support Available For Task Forces

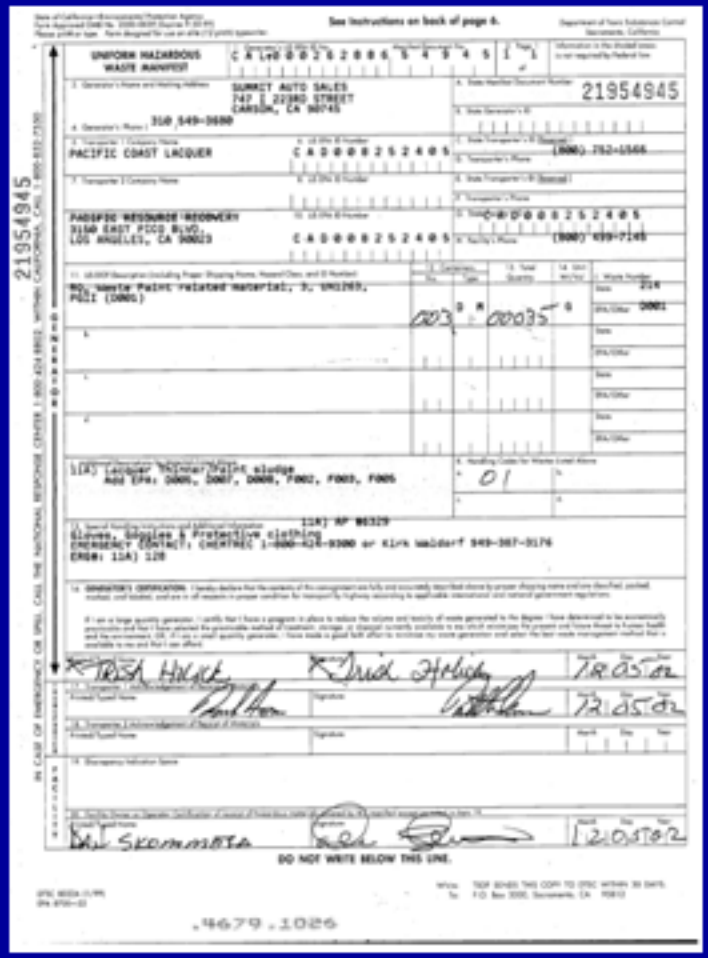
- Sampling support and lab analysis
  - Field sampling
    - Including level B (SCBA)
    - Up to date methods and equipment
  - Monitoring for health hazards
  - Submission of samples to Hazardous Materials Laboratory for Task Force related cases
  - Analytical results interpretation

TFSSIB Support Available For Task Forces (cont.)

- **Investigation Support**
  - **Provide expertise and interpretation of hazardous waste laws and regulations**
  - **Support or lead multimedia or multi-agency investigations**
    - Assistance with search warrants
    - Field sampling and monitoring
    - Coordination with other agencies/organizations

TFSSIB Support Available For Task Forces (cont.)

- HWTS searches
  - Copies of manifests
  - EPA ID numbers
  - Information on waste generated by facilities
  - Hazardous waste hauler registration information
- Training



DTSC Field Screening Equipment

- DTSC Field Staff have equipment available to monitor for:
  - sound,
  - gases, fumes, vapors, aerosols
  - radiation
  - particulate matter
  - metals
  - pH
  - remote surveillance

Support From Other Sections Of DTSC Via The TFSSIB

State Regulatory Programs Division (SRPD)

- Oversees hazardous waste generator and onsite treatment program.
- Participates in the triennial review of 72 Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) to ensure the programs are consistent statewide, and conform to standards.
- Oversee's smaller scale clean-up actions and Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

Support From Other Sections Of DTSC (cont.)

Hazardous Materials Laboratory (HML)

- An analytical chemistry laboratory with facilities in Berkeley and Los Angeles.
- Provides DTSC and other boards and departments within Cal/EPA with sample analysis for both inorganic and organic chemicals.
- Scientists identify and quantify concentrations of toxic chemicals in many different media including air, water, soil, sludge, hazardous waste streams, and biological and human tissues.

Support From Other Sections Of DTSC (cont.)

Permitting Division

The Permitting Division authorizes facilities to treat, store, and dispose of hazardous waste in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local laws. Types of authorization include:

- permits
- emergency permits
- variances

The purpose of this process is to ensure that these facilities and their operators meet requirements for safe operating conditions, financial assurance, and environmental monitoring.

Support From Other Sections Of DTSC (cont.)

Human and Ecological Risk Division (HERD)

HERD scientists provide expert consultation and support to other DTSC programs in the areas of:

- toxicology
- human and ecological risk assessment
- exposure assessment
- industrial hygiene

Staff scientists in the Waste Evaluation Unit define andclassify wastes. Engineering and geology unitsprovides support to all programs.

Begin With Who Is DTSC?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control, or DTSC, protects California and Californians from exposures to hazardous wastes. More than 1,000 scientists, engineers and specialized support staff work in nine offices statewide. DTSC is a department of the California Environmental Protection Agency, or Cal/EPA.

The Department's mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

Support From Other Sections Of DTSC (cont.)

External Affairs Program

External Affairs makes DTSC accessible, accountable and relevant to the public by communicating with those we serve, including:

- citizens
- regulated businesses
- community groups
- media
- other government agencies.

This program supports DTSC's crucial work by providing opportunities for the public to become engaged and effectual in the cleanup, reduction, and regulation of toxic substances in California.

Support From Other Sections Of DTSC (cont.)

Emergency Response and Statewide Operations Division (ERSOD)

ERSOD program provides immediate assistance in the case of sudden releases or threatened releases of hazardous materials. This program includes:

- disaster response
- illegal drug lab cleanup
- developing remediation guidelines for illegal drug labs, and off-highway removal.

ERSOD provides technical support and contractor cleanup for hazardous sites and drug labs when abandoned hazardous waste on the site constitutes an emergency.

Contacting DTSC

You can contact the Public and Business Liaisons by calling (800) 728-6942, or (800) 72TOXIC. Or e-mail them directly:

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Other DTSC programs, most notably, Emergency Response, have program-specific Duty Officers, liaisons and contacts.

- **Program Contact Number(s) Waste Alert Hotline (Complaints)** (800) 698-6942 or 69TOXIC
- **California Temporary (90 day) EPA ID Numbers** (800) 618-6942 (or "61TOXIC"), or (916) 255-1136 from out-of-state
- **California Permanent ID Numbers are** no longer issued by telephone. **EPA ID Numbers (US EPA)** (415) 495-8895
- **After-hours emergency (415) 744-2000**
- **DTSC Transportation Unit (haulers)** (916) 255-4368

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Authority

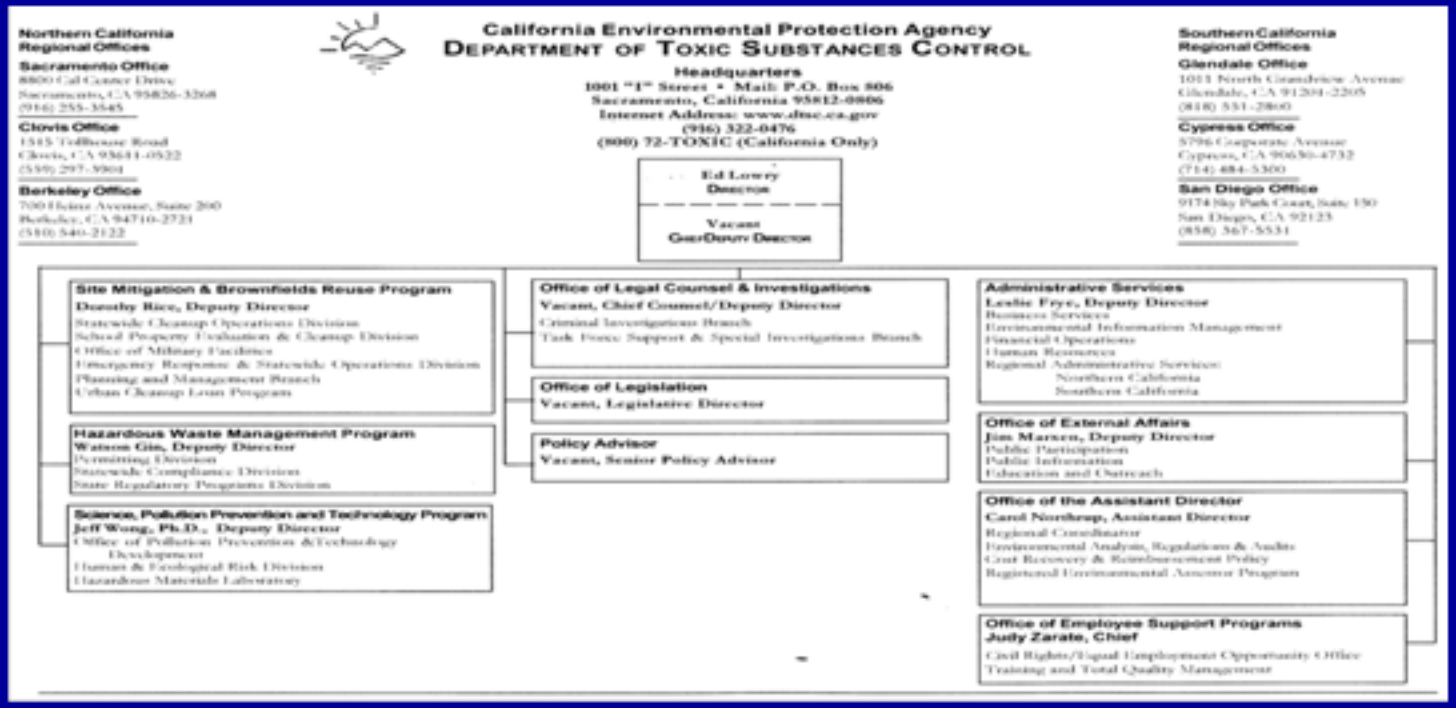
DTSC regulates hazardous waste in California primarily under the authority of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, and the California Health and Safety Code.

Other laws that affect hazardous waste are specific to handling, storage, transportation, disposal, treatment, reduction, cleanup and emergency planning.

DTSC Organization

DTSC has very specific talent requirements. The Department's staff includes roughly 189 Hazardous Substance Scientists, 110 Engineers, 41 Geologists, 20 Toxicologists, 10 Industrial Hygienists, and 30 Public Participation Specialists.

The remainder of DTSC's staff provide various types of technical administrative support.



The Environmental Task Force

To aid in environmental enforcement activities, agencies, BDO's and other entities are brought together in a *task force* setting which usually involves periodic meetings. Participants come to gather and exchange information and expertise.

Environmental Task Force

By sharing and mobilizing resources and experience, a coordinated approach between federal, state and local authorities in investigating and prosecuting environmental crime is promoted.

Environmental Task Force

Organizational components of the task force are, law enforcement, regulatory and technical. Some examples of enforcement and regulatory agencies in California task forces are:

- CA Dept. of Fish and Game
- Cal/EPA (IWMB, DTSC, ARB, SWRCB, OEHHA, DPR)
- Office of Emergency Services
- A.G.'s Office
- CHP, Sheriff, Police, FBI
- Air Pollution Control Districts
- BLM
- State and Federal Parks Services
- Cal-Trans
- Western States Project
- CHMIA
- Local Agencies (Haz Mat, Fire, Sanitation, D.A's. Offices, etc.)
- U.S, Attorney's Office
- BIA
- City Attorney's
- County Counsel Office
- U.S. EPA
- California District Attorney's Association
- U.S. Coast Guard

California Task Force Activity

http://www.calepa.ca.gov/programs/taskforce/

What We Do -Task Force Support and Special Investigations Branch

Task force work for the TFSSIB includes:

- participating in environmental crimes task forces
- serving as technical experts to task forces
- promoting consistent statewide application of hazardous waste laws and regulations
- helping to develop and interpret hazardous waste policy for local agencies and circuit prosecutors within the task force setting.