

**DESERT MANAGERS GROUP  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WORK GROUP  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
CALENDAR YEAR 2002**

**Work Group Accomplishment 1** (Five Year Plan Goal 14). *Ensure the orderly and efficient operation of the DMG and its work groups.*

- 1.1 The Hazardous Materials Work Group remained active; we met four times during the year – in Barstow in February, at Black Rock in May, in Ridgecrest in August, and in Riverside in November; we had representatives that reported on work group activities at all regular and special DMG meetings; and continued to foster federal, state, and local partnerships and develop a desert-wide constituency to support work group goals throughout the year.
- 1.2 We sponsored, co-sponsored or provided regional technical training for participating agencies to include an 8-hour annual hazardous waste operations and emergency response (HAZWOPER) refresher training in Riverside in June 2002; a 3-day EPA hazardous materials sampling training course in Riverside in May 2002; and a 2-day environmental crime scene investigations training course in Riverside in September 2002.
- 1.3 We supported an illegal dumping workshop in Bakersfield in October 2002 sponsored by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

**Work Group Accomplishment 2** (Five Year Plan Goal 2). *Clean up and restore illegal dumps that pose a public health or environmental threat and reduce the incidence of illegal dumping in the future.*

- 2.1 We populated the illegal dumpsite database by using the BLM's national technical service contractor, Dynamac; 118 sites were identified and visited in the field - this information will be used to produce a list of priority sites for clean-up.
- 2.2 We coordinated the cleaned-up of six large legacy illegal dumpsites [Nipton, Route 66 sites (Amboy, Chambless, and Essex), Crevasse/Hi Vista, and Vidal] funded under a cost share Program (AB-2136) with the California Integrated Waste Management Board.
- 2.3 We completed 4 of 6 planned cleanups funded by the Farm and Ranch Grant program in San Bernardino County near Landers in November 2002.
- 2.4 We met with representatives from the Keep California Beautiful program in June 2002 and are working to develop new partnerships with them.