



## 2024 DTSC Director’s Priorities

Progress to Date: January 16, 2024

### Objective 1: Environmental Justice & Racial Equity

Priority	Update
Equity in Enforcement activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 22/23, 54% of the facilities inspected were in disadvantaged communities (met goal of &gt;50%).</li> <li>• Inspections for 23/24 prioritized using the following criteria:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CalEnviroScreen score of 70% or above.</li> <li>○ Regions identified in the USEPA/CalEPA EJ MOU (Los Angeles, Fresno, Kern, Bay Area)</li> <li>○ Opportunities to assist CUPAs with inspections of complex generators.</li> <li>○ Located next to residential areas, schools, and other sensitive populations (metal recyclers and metal platers)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• For violations issued to permitted facilities located in vulnerable communities: (Goal is 90% Return to Compliance) As of 1/4/2024                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CY 2023 Q1 is currently at 100.0%</li> <li>○ CY 2023 Q2 is currently at 100.0%</li> <li>○ CY 2023 Q3 is currently at 64.3% (5 of the 14 violations issued in Q3 remain outstanding at Industrial Service Oil Co, and lighting resources LLC)</li> <li>○ CY 2023 Q4 is currently at 90.9% (1 violation remains outstanding)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For violations issued to all facilities located in vulnerable communities: (Goal is 80% Return to Compliance) As of 1/4/2024               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CY 2023 Q1 is currently at 92.6%</li> <li>○ CY 2023 Q2 is currently at 98.4%</li> <li>○ CY 2023 Q3 is currently at 83.3%</li> <li>○ CY 2023 Q4 is currently at 87.1%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities Initiative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Round 2 Equitable Communities Revitalization Grants (ECRG) application period closed. DTSC received 48 applications requesting \$90 million dollars in funding. To provide deep support and access to funding to the applicants representing underserved communities, staff sent letters and held meetings with about 30 applicants regarding the need for follow-up and to verify eligibility. At this time about twenty-five applications representing about \$41M are confirmed to meet all eligibility criteria, are being scored, and will be recommended for funding. Eight applications are being reviewed to determine eligibility, representing about \$4M. About fifteen applications have been found to be ineligible. Some of the eligibility notifications have been sent and appeal requests received.</li> <li>• ECRG Amendment process for Round 1 Grantees will be opening soon, pending management approval, to allow current grantees access to more time and/or funds to complete their projects.</li> <li>• ECRG Round 2 will be reopened to accept applications on a rolling basis in mid to late 2024, pending management approval.</li> <li>• The Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) Program held two Outreach Webinars on December 6, 2023 to share the elements of the program with the public. A “soft launch” of the TAG Program opened on December 20, 2023, with grant applications being accepted via the FLUXX platform as of that date. A follow-up webinar is being planned for late January/early February 2024 that will focus on a step-by-step walkthrough of the FLUXX application process.</li> </ul>
<p>Cumulative impacts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates.</li> </ul>

<p>Strengthen regulatory oversight of metal shredder facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A September LA Superior Court decision, if upheld on appeal, would require DTSC to re-instate its previously-rescinded, 30-year old policy called “OPP 88-6” that the metal shredder industry argues allows them to manage metal shredder output as scrap metal that would not be subject to hazardous waste laws. DTSC has appealed the ruling. DTSC will continue its enforcement activities at metal shredder facilities.</li> <li>• Six inspections were conducted in CY 2023 at 4 metal shredders with 15 violations issued so far. Class I violations that have been issued include illegal treatment of metal shredder aggregate and metal shredder residue, illegal storage of metal shredder aggregate and chemically treated metal shredder residue, and failure to minimize a release of light fibrous material.</li> <li>• Processing two applications (Sims Redwood City and Schnitzer Oakland). Preparing second NOD for Schnitzer. Preparing the first NOD for Sims.</li> </ul>
<p>Racial Equity Framework</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Sponsorship Team for the DEIB Initiative, working with the consultant, hosted 14 Listening Tours in which approximately half of the DTSC staff participated. Results of the Listening Tour and Organizational Assessment led to a number of short- and long-term actions that the executives and Advisory Council committed to undertaking. Metrics are currently being developed to measure progress on these action items. The Sponsorship Team evaluated and approved a training course on Racial Equity, which will be rolled-out across DTSC in the first quarter of 2024.</li> </ul>

**Objective 2: Public Engagement**

<p><b>Priority</b></p>	<p><b>Update</b></p>
<p>Adopt Best Practices for Community Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff reinstated “Communities of Practice” in which we review BMPs for Community engagement monthly in an effort to instill such practices across OEE.</li> <li>• Staff advises program staff on best practices for individual communities and respective projects in the community.</li> </ul>

<p>Transform Engagement for Communities Impacted by Exide</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parsons has provided a draft Health and Safety Plan, and Operational Plan to DTSC for review. DTSC shared these plans with the Working Group for review.</li> <li>• DTSC organized a public workshop on December 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss and obtain public comments on the Health and Safety Plan, and Operational Plan. DTSC is in the process of compiling the comments and drafting responses.</li> <li>• DTSC and L. Everett and Associates (Jim Wells) agreed on the final scope of work for the third-party monitoring contract, and the process for how the monitor will work with DTSC, the contractor, and ETAG. The contract is anticipated to be executed by end of January 2024.</li> </ul>
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**Objective 3: Sustained Performance**

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<p>Reduce continued permits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5+ year: There are a total of 5 remaining permits that have been continued for more than 5 years. Kettleman, Buttonwillow, and Ecobat have not been public noticed yet.</li> <li>• 2+ year: There are a total of 4 remaining permits that have been continued for more than 2 years but less than 5 years. Met the goal to reduce the total number of remaining 2+ year continued permits (including 5+ year) to less than 10 by the end of the year.</li> <li>• For 23/24 FY, 100% of reminder letters have been sent on time to permitted facilities to ensure timely submittal of permit applications.</li> </ul>
<p>Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) Program Environmental Information Report (PEIR)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SSFL Final PEIR was released on June 8, 2023, and certified on July 19, 2023.</li> </ul>

**Objective 4: Strategic Management**

Priority	Update
Strategic Plan Prioritized Actions include cross-department and program-level actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 74 of 110 PAs completed (67%).</li> </ul>
Strategic Plan Dashboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OPM working on collecting updates for Q2. Intent to publish updates by mid-February.</li> <li>• Major focus is data automation. Phase 2 (Automation Development for measures) underway. Wave 1 started January with intent to automate the first five KPIs by end of March.</li> <li>• Dashboard steering committee set up and meeting at regular cadence, ensuring steps towards data governance.</li> <li>• Data Literacy program - Procurement for LinkedIn Learning is complete. Currently working with HR team to integrate learning in learning management system (LMS).</li> </ul>