



Fiscal Year 2024-2025 DTSC Director's Priorities Progress Report

May 2025

Key

- "Completed" means the deliverable was completed.
- "Ongoing" indicates a deliverable that DTSC is implementing on an ongoing basis.
- "On Track" means that the deliverable will be complete by the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25.
- "Delayed" means that DTSC will not complete deliverable by end of FY 2024-25.

Priority 1: Strengthen Enforcement

Deliverable 1.1 Consistent, Timely, and Equitable Enforcement

Sub-deliverables	Status
1.1.1 Mapping inspection sites	Completed DTSC has created and implemented a map that identifies the inspections conducted by DTSC.
1.1.2 Expand opportunities for Supplemental Environmental Projects	Completed DTSC has contracted the Rose Foundation as the third-party independent administrator.
1.1.3 Process improvements for timely enforcement	Ongoing DTSC is re-evaluating the Lean 6 Sigma (L6S) enforcement efficiency process from 2017 to determine the effectiveness and needed improvements to achieve timely enforcement. Since implementation of L6S, the time it takes to settle enforcement cases has overall decreased and EERD will evaluate options to obtain resources to continuously improve timeliness of enforcement.
1.1.4 Enforcement Policy for the Site Mitigation and Restoration Program	On Track The Technical Team completed an initial internal draft of the SMRP Enforcement Policy which is undergoing internal review. DTSC anticipates completion by the end of the FY.
1.1.5 Build SCP's Compliance and Enforcement Capacity	Ongoing SCP continues to refine compliance. Current focus: determining compliance with the 6PPD in tires priority product listing, toluene in nail products priority product listing, and preparation for compliance efforts related to nonylphenol ethoxylates in laundry detergents.

Deliverable 1.2 Metal shredders

Sub-deliverables	Status
1.2.1 Metal shredder inspections	Complete 1 Complaint and 6 Compliance Evaluation inspections completed in FY 2024-25.
1.2.2 Workgroup collaboration	Complete DTSC, CalEPA, and the Rapid Response Task Force signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project on January 15, 2025, agreeing to work together on environmental issues in the EJ area.

Priority 2: Institutionalize Community Engagement

Deliverable 2.1 Exide community engagement

Sub-deliverables	Status
2.1.1 Exide Cleanup reporting for transparency	Completed DTSC has established the Exide Cleanup Feedback Management System and is responding to inquiries with a turnaround time of less than 48 hours. DTSC has also regularly provided updates to Board of Environmental Safety (BES) as part of the Leadership Report.
2.1.2 Revamp residential cleanup outreach	Completed DTSC continues to engage with the Exide Working Group. DTSC continues to host Exide Office Hours.
2.1.3 Promote public health through community partnerships	Ongoing For the past two years, the LA Public Health Department has provided blood lead screening/testing at community meetings and events hosted by DTSC. Other community partners have provided additional information regarding lead exposure and prevention. DTSC appreciates the partnership with these organizations and continues to build on the relationship and services going forward.

Deliverable 2.2 Adopt best practices for community engagement

Sub-deliverables	Status
2.2.1 Evaluate performance of public engagement tools	Ongoing DTSC has been evaluating each engagement tool and employing each tool as deemed appropriate. For example, DTSC developed a newsletter for CVCI, assessed their effectiveness, and made improvements. DTSC has also improved surveys, fact sheets, online trackers, and other communication tools. DTSC works to tailor engagement for each unique situation.
2.2.2 Public Participation Manual	Delayed DTSC has started the process of overhauling the Public Participation Manual. This has required updating sections with changes to statute and regulations and coordination with several DTSC programs. DTSC anticipates the revision to be complete by June 2026.
2.2.3 Trainings for Staff	On Track A video training module on public outreach has been completed. A video training on Environmental Justice is scheduled to be ready by June 2025.

Priority 3: Promote Equity

Deliverable 3.1 Environmental Justice Advisory Council

Sub-deliverables	Status
3.1.1 EJAC structure and documents	Completed Structure and documents were finalized in August 2024.
3.1.2 EJAC member recruitment	Completed DTSC opened the EJAC application period in August 2024. DTSC publicized the application until the 30-day application period closed.
3.1.3 EJAC member selection	Completed DTSC appointed the 7 member EJAC.

Deliverable 3.2 Community Vulnerability Regulations

Sub-deliverables	Status
3.2.1 Informational sheets	On Track Info Sheets 1 and 2 have been published in 2024. Info Sheet 3 will be released in May 2025.
3.2.2 Solicit feedback	Ongoing DTSC continues to accept feedback on the Info Sheets.
3.2.3 Initiate rulemaking	Delayed DTSC anticipates starting the formal rulemaking in 2026.

Deliverable 3.3 Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities Initiative

Sub-deliverables	Status
3.3.1 ECRG outcomes report	On Track The report has been drafted and is undergoing review. DTSC anticipates completion by the end of the FY.

Deliverable 3.4 Exide cleanup

Sub-deliverables	Status
3.4.1 Residential Cleanup	On Track On track (completed 5,824 as of April 25, 2025).
3.4.2 Complete facility decision documents	Ongoing Pending NPL listing decision.
3.4.3 NPL Listing	Ongoing Pending NPL listing decision.
3.4.4 Parkways	Ongoing Started ahead of schedule in November 2024.

Priority 4: Drive Sustainability and Climate Resilience

Deliverable 4.1 Site mitigation climate change resilience

Sub-deliverables	Status
4.1.1 Sea Level Rise Web Page	Completed Updates have been made to the web page .
4.1.2 SLR Dashboard	Delayed DTSC and the State Water Board are collaborating on the development of a public-facing dashboard tool to summarize data for contaminated sites that are likely to be impacted by sea level rise. The anticipated completion date is September 2025.
4.1.3 Evaluation form and training	Completed Evaluation form implementation and training have now been completed. Form is now in use.
4.1.4 Establish the new Climate Change Unit	Delayed The Climate Change Unit Supervisor was hired in April 2025. The hiring process is continuing for the remaining positions in the unit.
4.1.5 Sea Level Rise Guidance	Completed New guidance has been published.

Deliverable 4.2 Hazardous waste facilities characterization

Sub-deliverables	Status
4.2.1 Continue coordination with U.S. EPA	Ongoing DTSC has assisted US EPA Region IX on a study of stormwater and erosion control, which included California's 2 hazardous waste landfills. DTSC plans to continue to coordinate with US EPA on this topic.

Deliverable 4.3 Support circularity through the Hazardous Waste Management Plan

Sub-deliverables	Status
4.3.1 Public Engagement	Ongoing DTSC completed 10 workshops leading towards the first Hazardous Waste Management Plan. The draft Plan was presented to BES in March 2025. DTSC is partnering with BES in conducting the public hearings and is continuing to receive feedback.
4.3.2 Plan Submission	Completed Draft Hazardous Waste Management Plan was publicly released on March 14, 2025.

Deliverable 4.4 Safer Consumer Products water quality protections

Sub-deliverables	Status
4.4.1 Laundry detergents containing nonylphenol ethoxylates	Completed DTSC promulgated regulations to list laundry detergents containing nonylphenol ethoxylates as a Priority Product.
4.4.2 Address problematic uses of PFAS in consumer products to turn off the tap on the PFAS contamination of our bodies and environment	Ongoing DTSC is examining PFASs in artificial turf and floor polishes, for potential future regulation.
4.4.3 Zinc in tires	Delayed DTSC has continued to study the impact of zinc in tire wear particles on water quality. The regulatory package is currently undergoing internal review and initiation of formal rulemaking will happen after the end of FY 2024-25.
4.4.4 Release product-chemical profile for products with quaternary ammonium compounds	Delayed Two product chemical profiles for products with quaternary ammonium compounds are behind schedule due to extended scientific review timelines. The profiles are on track for release in Fall 2025.

Priority 5: Attain Fiscal Stability

Deliverable 5.1 Exemption process

Completed. DTSC has promulgated emergency regulations related to exemptions and a new exemption reporting process, consistent with the requirements of SB 156 (2024). The regulations will be in effect for the February fee payment period.

Deliverable 5.2 Electronic Verification Questionnaire (eVQ) improvements

Completed. DTSC updated the eVQ reporting requirements to include additional information necessary to facilitate fee oversight and ensure fee payer compliance.

Deliverable 5.3 Improve generator reporting accuracy

Completed. DTSC has promulgated emergency regulations to establish penalties for late or non-reporting of hazardous waste generation data. These regulations will be in effect for the 2025 reporting period.