



Department of
Toxic Substances
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DTSC Leadership Report

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY MEETING

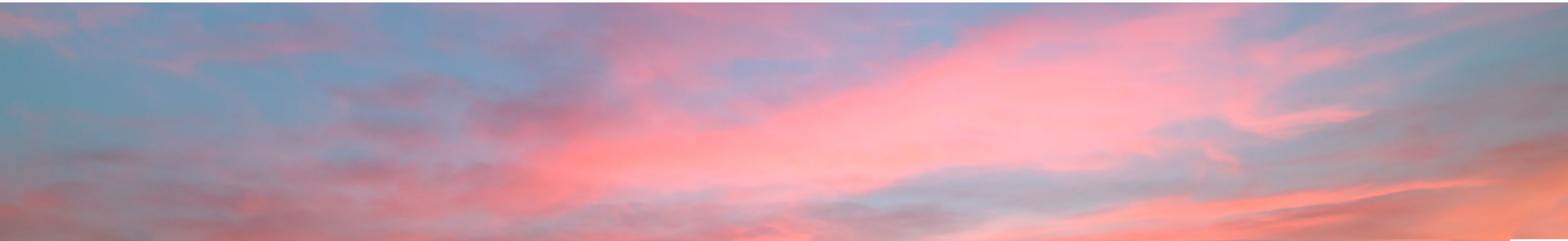
AUGUST 27, 2025

KATIE BUTLER, DIRECTOR

For Today

- Departmental News
- Permitting Updates
- Director's Priorities

Departmental News and Program Updates



Farewell

- Don Foley
Chief Information Officer



New Leadership

Thanne Berg

Deputy Director for the Site Mitigation and
Restoration Program



Albert Lundeen

Deputy Director for the Office of Communications



Criminal Investigation: Partner Medical Products, Inc.

- Partner Medical Products, Inc.
 - Medical sterilization facility
 - Carson, CA (Los Angeles County)
- Search Warrant Execution on July 17, 2025
 - LA District Attorney and DTSC's Office of Criminal Investigation
 - Led to felony charges; allegations include:
 - Exposure of employees to hazardous levels of ethylene oxide
 - Falsified documents and illegal waste practices

Vapor Intrusion Kickoff Workshop

- Vapor Intrusion (VI): movement of chemical vapors from contaminated oil and groundwater into indoor air
- Kick-off Workshop held on July 24, 2025



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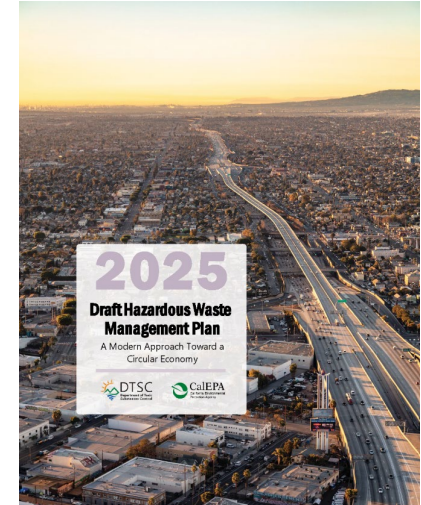
Safer Consumer Products

- Rulemakings
 - Adding PPD Derivatives to the Candidate Chemicals List
 - Nail Products Containing TPhP
- Environmental Justice in Alternatives Assessment Roundtable (August 20, 2025)

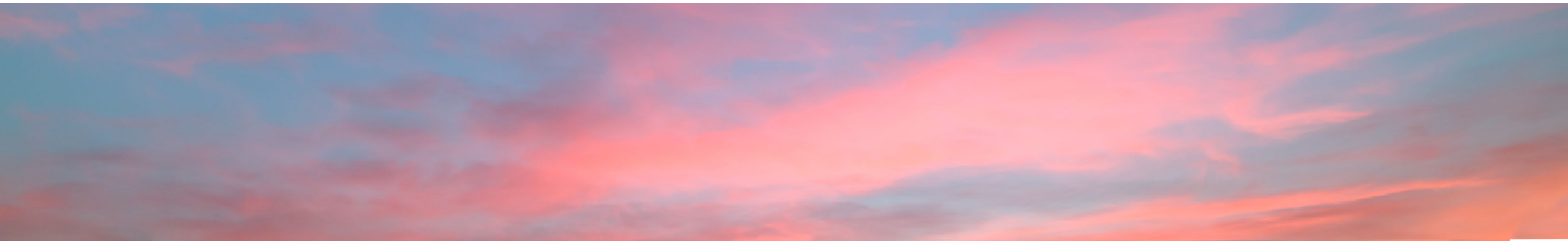


Hazardous Waste Management Plan

- DTSC is actively working on a revised version that incorporates Board Member and Public feedback
- Intended for release in the coming months



Permitting Update



Clean Harbors Buttonwillow Draft Permit Update

- Draft Permit released on July 17, 2025
- Public Comment Period open until October 15, 2025
- August 20, 2025: CalEnviroScreen Vulnerability Evaluation Workshop



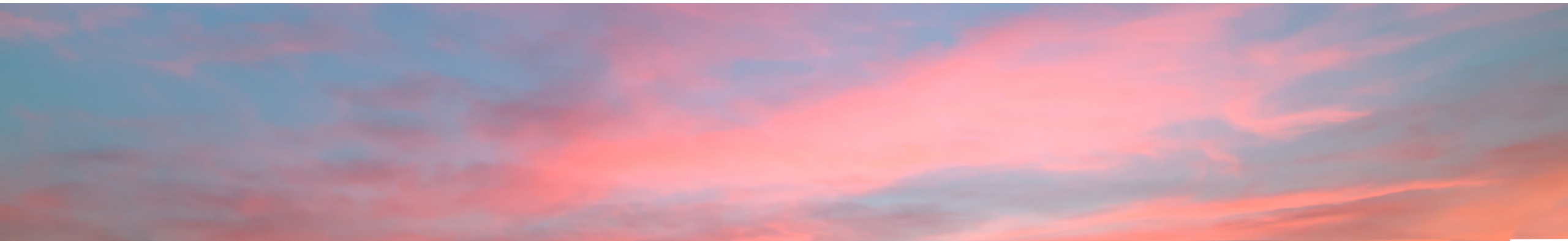
Recent Final Decisions

- Clean Harbors Westmorland LLC (Imperial County)
 - Issued on August 11, 2025
- Chevron Chemical Co (Contra Costa County)
 - Issued on August 12, 2025

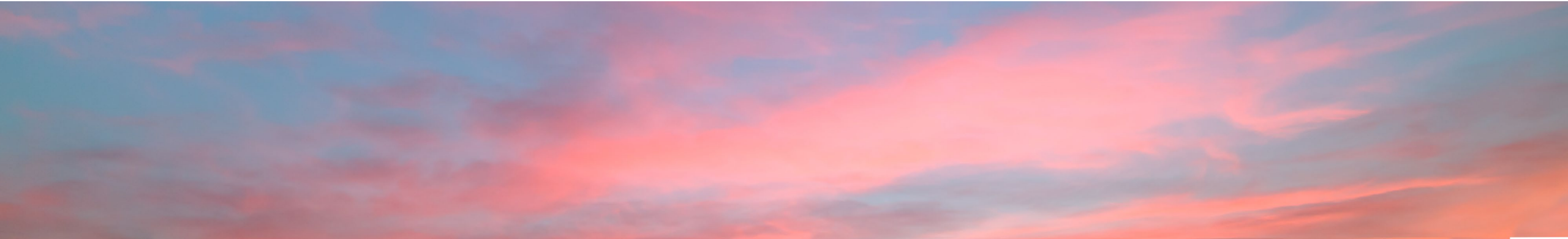
Upcoming Draft Decisions

- TP Industrial Inc (Los Angeles County)
 - Projected draft decision date: 09/15/2025
 - Post closure permit
- Tesoro Carson Refinery (Los Angeles County)
 - Projected draft decision date: 09/30/2025
 - Post closure permit

Questions and Comments

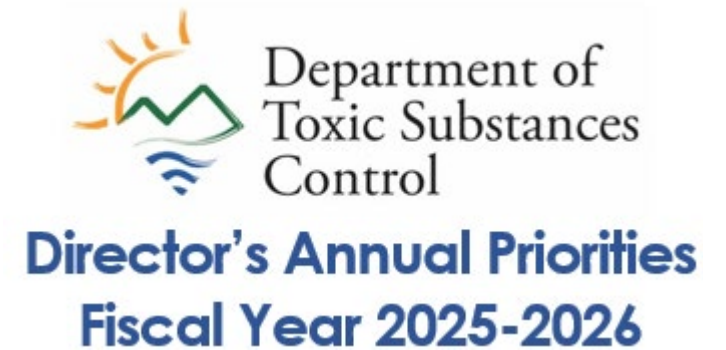


Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Director's Annual Priorities



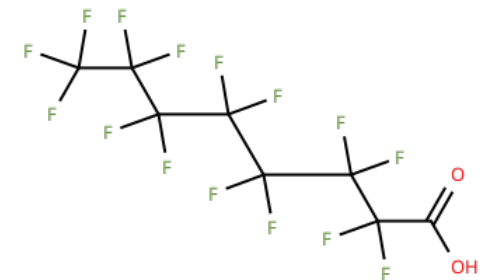
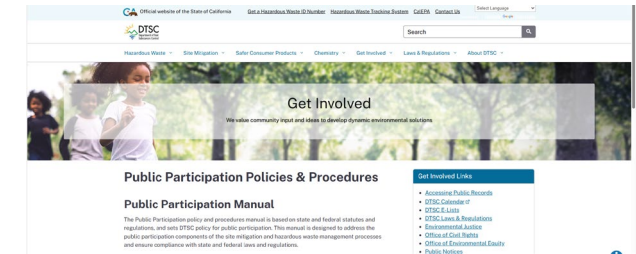
Revisions of Priorities: Overall

- Clarified intentions of the Priorities
- Included new Deliverables
- Prevention



Revision: Priority 1, Priority 2, and Priority 4

- Priority 1: Consistent, Timely, and Equitable Enforcement
- Priority 2: Community Engagement
- Priority 4: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)



Chemical Structure of PFOA

Priority 3: Science, Technology, and Policy Innovation

- Form Previous Version:
 - Goal 3.1. Right-size Environmental Chemistry Laboratory
 - Goal 3.2. Incorporate Lead Source Attribution in Cleanups
- New Goals
 - Goal 3.3. Holistic Approach to Vapor Intrusion
 - Goal 3.4. Optimize DTSC's Safer Consumer Products Throughput and Impact
 - Goal 3.5. Artificial Intelligence

Questions on the Leadership Report

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