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2025 Hazardous Waste Management Plan Revisions

DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Unit



Agenda

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- Overview of Changes
- How feedback was incorporated
- Limitations of the Plan
- Roll out plan and Next steps

Background

- Released the first Hazardous Waste Management Report in March 2023
- Held 10 technical workshops in 2024
- Released the first draft Plan in March 2025
- Presented at four Board hearings and received feedback
- DTSC and the BES worked collaboratively to revise the draft Plan
- Revisions were shaped by feedback to more address concerns, enhance clarity and accuracy, and increase the document's usefulness

Overview of Changes

- Restructured the format
 - Simplified the Plan into three goals (originally ten)
 - Updated and consolidated recommendations from the initial draft
- Updated the Plan Vision
- Added definitions and acronyms list in the document
- Removed appendices to improve readability
 - Moved statutorily mandated information from the appendices into the Plan

Overview of Changes - New Goals

1

Reduce hazardous waste generation and divert hazardous waste away from incineration or landfilling.

2

Ensure hazardous waste identification and management standards are scientifically sound, health protective, and environmentally safe.

3

Use data and resources to promote sustainable and health-protective management from cradle to grave.

Clearer Recommendations- Example

Original Language	Revised Language
<p>Amend California Code of Regulation (CCR), title 22, chapter 31, article 1 (commencing with section 67001.1) to explicitly require generators to also submit SB 14 reports or select information from SB 14 reports to a public facing database. Timeline: 2028</p>	<p>Amend California's Waste Minimization regulations (SB 14) to require generators to submit SB 14 source reduction report information to a public-facing database.</p>

How Feedback was or was not Incorporated

Example: BES voted to remove Recommendation 7.2 (alternative management standards for some non-RCRA soil)

Removed recommendation

Example: Some interested parties suggested a greater emphasis source reduction

Consolidated recommendations for waste reduction and diversion and moved them into Goal 1

Example: Some interested parties suggested more specific dates and mandates for DTSC

DTSC will make progress on recommendations within its purview as resources allow

How Feedback was or was not Incorporated

Example: Some comments expressed concerns that the hazardous waste criteria evaluation will weaken regulatory protections

Additional information is provided to explain DTSC's obligation to evaluate all hazardous waste criteria

Example: Some comments supported updating out-of-date standards.

Two technical updates to the ignitability criteria are recommended and no recommendations are included for the other criteria

Criteria Evaluation

Characteristic Criteria	Evaluation Status	Recommendations (Goal 2, Recs 2.1-2.6)
Ignitability	Complete	Update test methods and regulatory references
Corrosivity	Complete	No recommendations in 2025 Plan
Reactivity	Complete	Update regulatory references
Toxicity	Ongoing	TBD

How Feedback was or was not Incorporated

Example: Some commenters raised concerns about how changes to soil waste codes would affect waste characterization and manifesting

Recommendation was clarified and DTSC will do additional outreach to interested parties

Plan Limitations

- 3-year planning and reporting cycles
- Information gaps
- Requires coordination with other agencies and Legislature
- Funding and resource requirements to implement or accelerate implementation

Roll Out Plan and Next Steps

