



Department of
Toxic Substances
Control



DTSC Leadership Report

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY MEETING

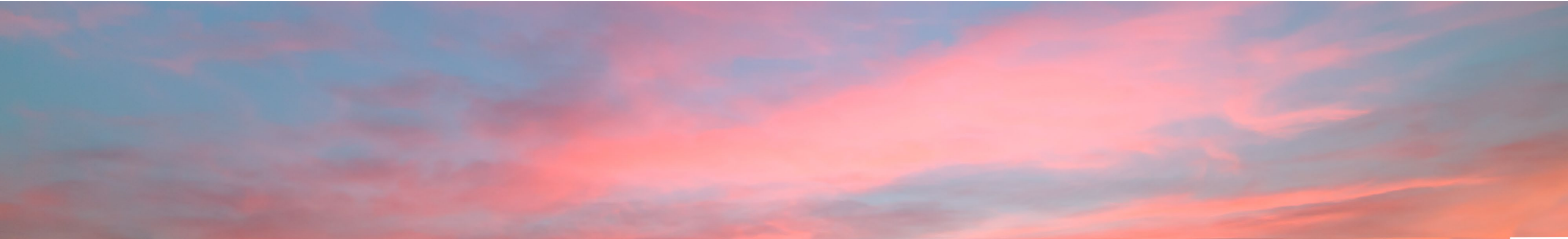
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KATIE BUTLER, DIRECTOR

For Today

- Departmental News
- Director's Priorities
- Permitting Updates
- Exide Update

Departmental News and Program Updates



Toxic Crusaders

- STEM outreach program run by the Environmental Chemistry Lab
- Laboratory Week: Oct. 16-25, 2025
 - ECL Pasadena
 - 254 students from 19 high schools



California Land Recycling Conference

September 16-18, 2025

- Collaboration between DTSC and the Center for Creative Land Recycling
- ECRG Summit



Photo of DTSC team at the California Land Recycling Conference

Office of Brownfields Updates

- ECRG Projects
 - Lincoln Beach Groundbreaking, Anaheim (Orange)
 - Northgate González Market Grand Opening, Lynwood (Los Angeles)
 - Algarve Apartments Groundbreaking, San Jose (Santa Clara)

- Mulberry Gardens Groundbreaking, Riverside



Director Katie Butler and Project Manager Wyatt George at Lincoln Beach

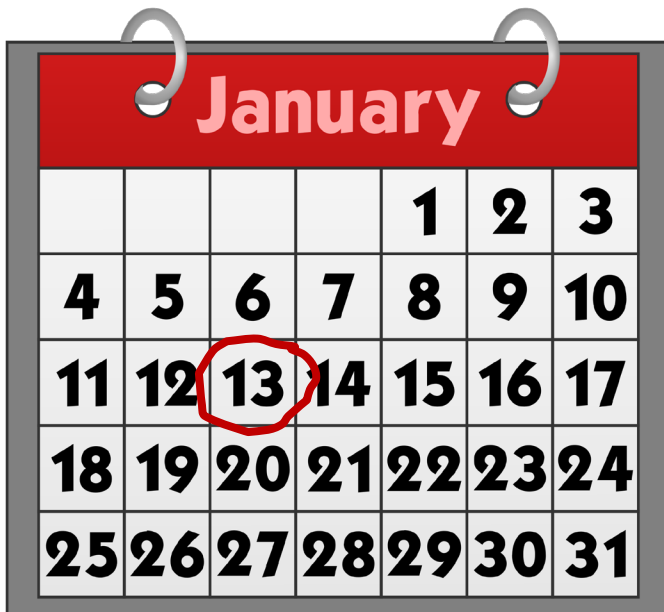
Safer Consumer Products Updates: Microplastics



- Rulemaking to include microplastics on the Candidate Chemicals List
- Public Comment Period and Upcoming Workshop on Microplastic Screening Research
 - Comment Period: November 14, 2025 to January 16, 2026
 - Workshop: December 11, 2025

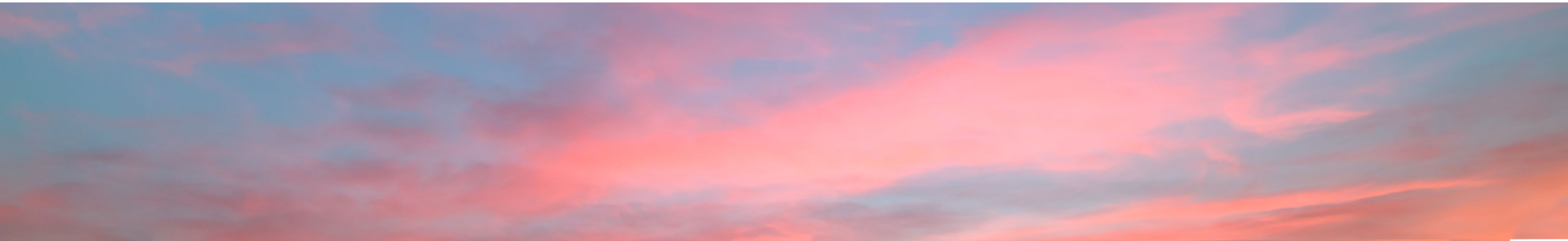
Metal Shredder Fees E-Regs Workshop Announcement

Implementation of AB 2851 (Bonta, Ch. 743, Stats. 2024)



- Virtual workshop tentatively scheduled for January 13, 2026
- DTSC is requesting **public input** on an **emergency regulation** to collect an annual fee from metal shredding facilities to implement metal shredder oversight

Director's Priorities Progress Report



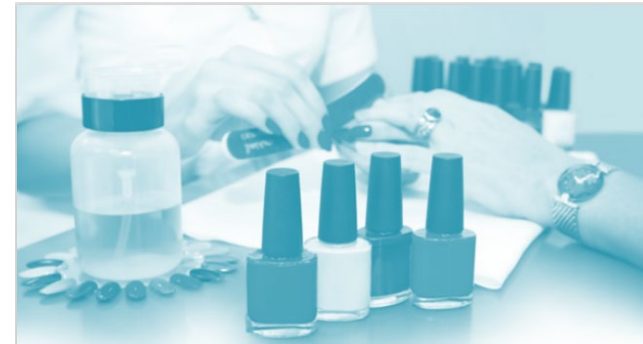
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Priorities

- 13 deliverables were marked “partially complete” or “delayed”
 - 5 deliverables are part of the FY 2025-2026 Priorities
 - Continuing to track implementation of 6 other deliverables
 - 2 deliverables are now complete
- Completed deliverables:
 - SMRP Climate Change Unit
 - ECRG Outcomes Report



Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Priorities

- Formal Information Requests
- Nail Products Containing Toluene Compliance Report



Testing Nail Products in California for Toluene: Summary of Findings

October 15, 2025

Prepared by Department of Toxic Substances Control

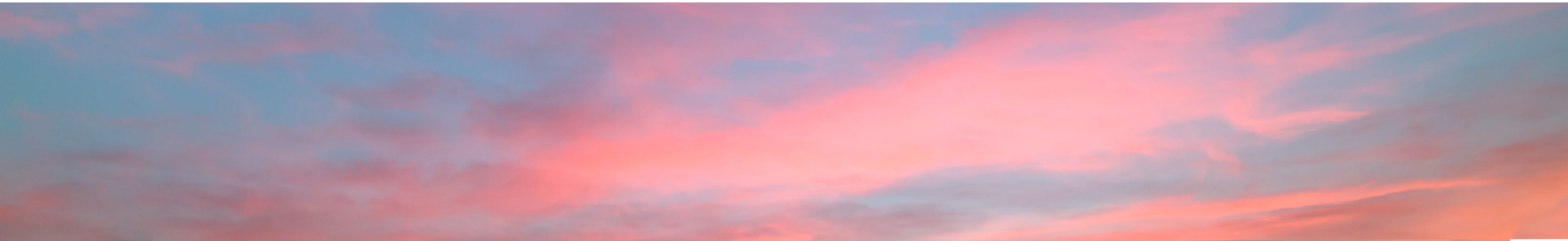
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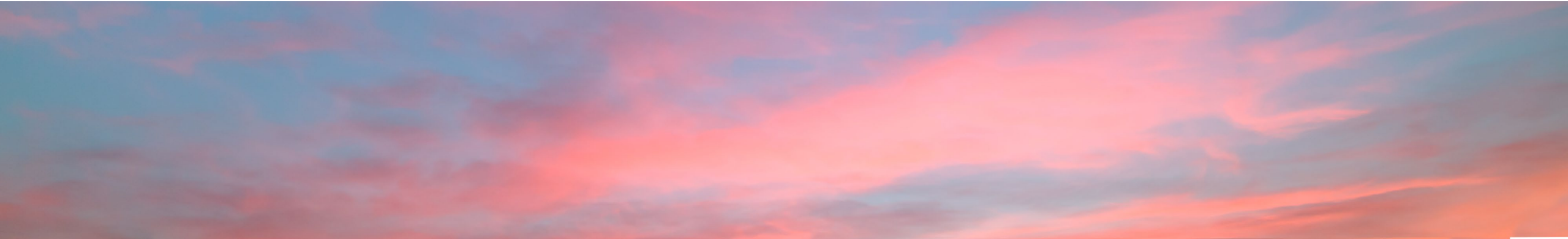
Upcoming Final Decisions

- Ecobat, City of Industry (Los Angeles County)
 - Final Decision Date: November 21, 2025
- Tesoro Carson Refinery (Los Angeles County)
 - Post closure permit
 - Projected final decision in December

Upcoming Draft Decisions

- Veolia Technical Solutions, Richmond (Contra Costa County)
 - Draft Decision Date: December 2025

Exide Update



Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Appropriations

- DTSC was given the flexibility to use \$75M for residential or facility cleanup
 - \$5M to continue proper management of the facility site
 - \$70M to continue the residential cleanup until Q3 2026
- This funding will allow cleanup of ~500 properties, addressing lead levels of 155 ppm and above
- DTSC has cleaned up:
 - 6,000+ residential properties
 - 139 schools, parks, day cares

Questions on the Leadership Report

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