



DTSC Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Evaluation

Board of Environmental Safety



Evaluation Process & Summary

- Evaluation conducted per SB 158 requirements
- Progress compared against Director Butler's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Priorities
- DTSC's Year End Progress Report submitted August 2025
- Summary of Progress (as of January 2026):
 - Total Deliverables: 39 (30 complete; 9 incomplete)
 - DTSC to continue to report updates on incomplete deliverables
- BES Ombuds to track recommendations

Priority 1 - Strengthen Enforcement

Director's Deliverables:

- 1.1 Consistent, Timely, and Equitable Enforcement
- 1.2 Metal Shredders



Priority 1 Key BES Recommendations:

- Provide an annual presentation to Board on Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) process
- Feature pre-approved SEP projects on DTSC's website
- Compile and publish annual data for compliance enforcement actions
- Commit to a completion date for the Site Mitigation and Restoration Program Enforcement Policy
- Present status updates on current compliance efforts for Safer Consumer Products (SCP) and future priority product rulemaking
- Present semi-annual updates on metal shredder inspections

Priority 2 - Institutionalize Community Engagement

Director's Deliverables:

2.1 Exide Community Engagement

2.2 Adopt Best Practices for Community Engagement



Priority 2 Key BES Recommendations:

- Publish Exide worker safety metrics on DTSC's website to strengthen transparency and accountability
- Establish a formal staff training framework
- Develop a centralized knowledge repository
- Engage/collaborate early on with stakeholders regarding the Public Participation Manual revision drafting process and explore establishing a working group

Priority 3 - Promote Equity

Director's Deliverables:

- 3.1 Environmental Justice Advisory Council
- 3.2 Community Vulnerability Regulations
- 3.3 Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities Initiative
- 3.4 Exide Cleanup



Priority 3 Key BES Recommendations:

- Define how EJAC recommendations will be formally considered by DTSC and BES
- DTSC and BES SB 673 Working Group meet to review public comments received on SB 673 proposed rulemaking
- Explore sustainable sources of funding to continue CVCI activities
- Exide residential cleanup- strengthen outreach, improve reporting, and provide transparent communication on cleanup standard changes

Priority 4 - Drive Sustainability and Climate Resilience

Director's Deliverables:

- 4.1 Site Mitigation Climate Change Resilience
- 4.2 Hazardous Waste Facilities Characterization
- 4.3 Support Circularity Through the Hazardous Waste Management Plan
- 4.4 Safer Consumer Products Water Quality Protections



Priority 4 Key BES Recommendations:

- Continue to incorporate climate change considerations into the hazardous waste permitting process
- Prior to release of the next draft Hazardous Waste Management Plan, hold public workshops that are easy for the public to understand, host community listening sessions, and continue to offer 1:1 meetings
- BES welcomes a discussion on how to accelerate the SCP process, including in context of SCP performance metrics

Priority 5 – Attain Fiscal Stability

Director's Deliverables:

5.1 Exemption Process

5.2 Electronic Verification Questionnaire (eVQ) Improvements

5.3 Improve Generator Reporting Accuracy



Priority 5 Key BES Recommendations

- With BES, develop a communication plan to provide periodic updates on statutory fee exemption review outcomes, lessons learned, and legislative/regulatory refinements
- With BES, conduct an assessment of generation and handling (G&H) fees to recommend actions to eliminate the structural deficit
- Reconcile Electronic Verification Questionnaire (eVQ) revenue data with California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to determine actions for increasing collection rates

For more information:

- DTSC FY 24/25 Priorities: https://bes.dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/42/2024/12/12042024-Item-5b-FY2024-25_Priorities_Refresh_Final.pdf
- DTSC FY 24/25 Year End Progress Report: https://bes.dtsc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/42/2025/08/FY2425_Priorities_YearEndProgressReport.pdf