



Department of
Toxic Substances
Control



DTSC Leadership Report

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY MEETING

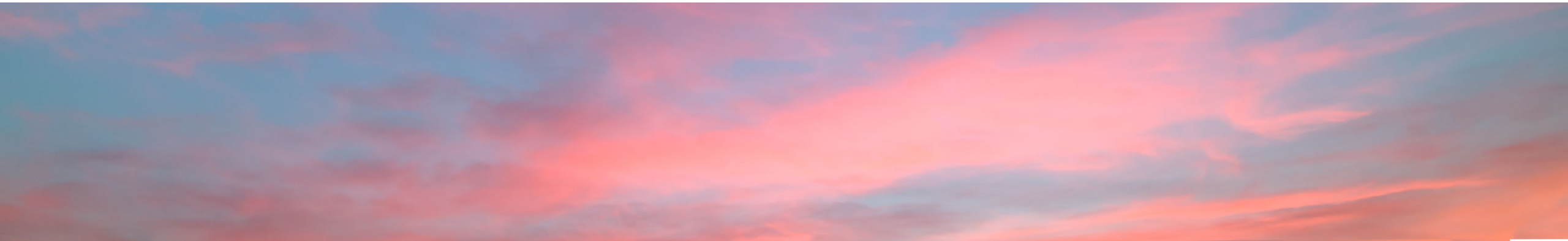
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KATHERINE BUTLER, DIRECTOR

For Today

- Departmental News and Program Updates
- Director's Priorities
- Hazardous Waste Management Plan and Report Updates

Departmental News and Program Updates



Enforcement News

TheBeadChest.com

- Online retailer
- Sold jewelry containing excess levels of lead



Omo's Fabricare Dry Cleaners

- Richmond, CA
- Noncompliance of a 2023 DTSC cleanup order



Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities Initiative (CVCI): Discovery and Enforcement

JC Liberty Cleaners

- Pomona, CA
- Consent Order issued on March 23, 2026

CVCI: Equitable Community Revitalization Grant Program



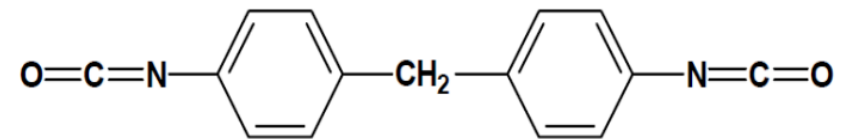
Legacy Court (Richmond, CA)



Nellie Hannon Gateway
(Emeryville, CA)

Safer Consumer Products – 1

Regulatory Response: Spray Polyurethane Foam containing Methylene Diphenyl Diisocyanate

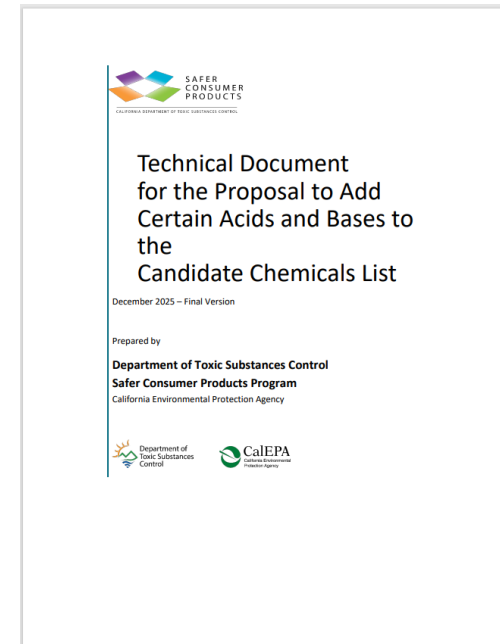


Chemical structure of methylene diphenyl diisocyanate

Safer Consumer Products – 2

New Rulemaking: Addition of 12 Acids and Bases to the Candidate Chemicals List

- Ammonium bisulfite
- Chromic acid
- Oxalic acid
- Sulfamic acid
- Ammonium hydroxide
- Ammonium thioglycolate
- Calcium hydroxide
- Ethanolamine
- Guanidine carbonate
- Lithium hydroxide
- Potassium hydroxide
- Sodium hypochlorite



Permitting Updates: May 2026

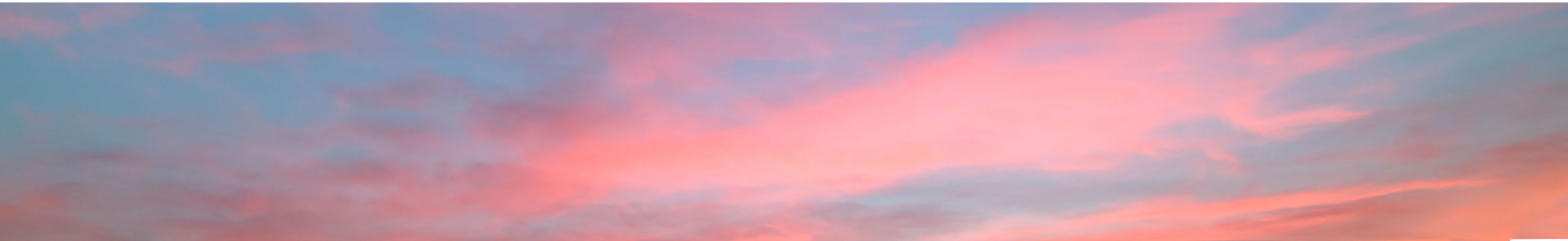
- Final Permit Decisions
 - Clean Harbors Buttonwillow
 - TFX Aviation Post Closure
- 5 Draft Decisions in May and June

Facility	Draft Decision
Ramos Environmental Services	5/1/2026
J&B Refining Inc.	5/4/2026
Solar Turbines Post Closure	5/25/2026
Forward Landfill Post Closure	5/15/2026
Demunno-Kerdoon DBA World Oil Recycling	6/1/2026

Tribal Affairs

- California Tribal Nation Summit
 - April 13, 2026 in Sacramento, CA
 - Annual government-to-government convening between tribal leaders and the Administration
- Tribal Affairs and DTSC

Director's Priorities Progress Report



Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Director's Annual Priorities

- Priority 1. Consistent, Timely, and Equitable Enforcement
- Priority 2. Community Engagement
- Priority 3. Science, Technology, and Policy Innovation
- Priority 4. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Spotlight on Goal 4 – Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

- SCP: PFAS in floor maintenance products
- SMRP: Multi-state collaboration on identifying PFAS toxicity criteria



Forecasting Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Director's Priorities

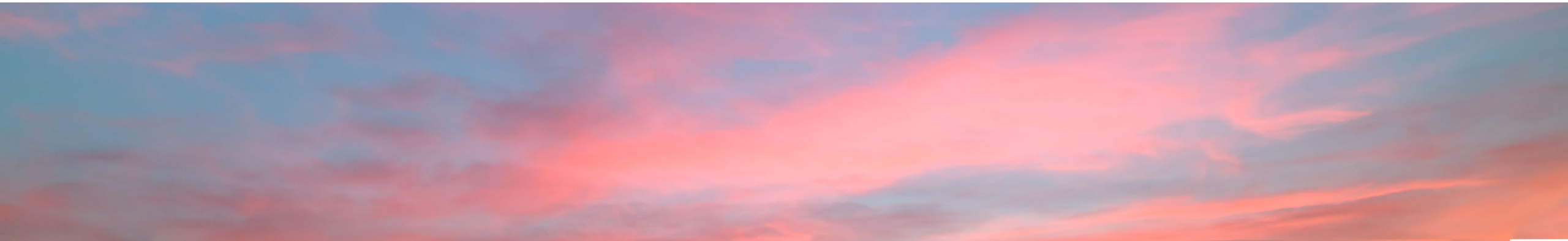
Primary Sources

- Feedback on FY 25-26 Priorities
- BES's annual evaluation
- Public feedback
- EJAC

2025 Hazardous Waste Management Plan Implementation

2026 Hazardous Waste Management Report

MANDI BANE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



2025 Hazardous Waste Management Plan Goals

Goals of the 2025 Plan:

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

2025 Hazardous Waste Management Plan: 2026 Priorities

- **Source Reduction**
 - Review of Source Reduction Reports
 - Engagement with generators
 - Collaboration with SCP and the Green Ribbon Science Panel
- **Recycling Opportunities**
 - Collaboration with the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council
- **Lithium-ion Batteries**
 - Projecting emerging waste trends
 - Collaboration across state agencies

2025 Hazardous Waste Management Plan Current Year Priorities

Bioremediation of Geothermal and Lithium Waste



Community Considerate Cleanups Collaborative (C3C)

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Department of Toxic Substances Control - Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities Initiative

Quick Reference Guide Community Considerate Cleanups (C3)

March 2025

The goal of this Quick Reference Guide (QRG) is to encourage the development of Community Considerate Cleanups (C3), which are designed through the lens of the people who live, work, play, and learn in the community where cleanup will take place and where the waste might be taken for treatment and/or disposal.

The QRG is a framework recommended for the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Project Teams to foster cleanup approaches that align with environmental justice goals. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) defines these goals as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies." It should be noted that this QRG does not replace existing guidance or regulations.

C3 encourages regulators and contaminated site stakeholders to actively engage and clearly communicate with the community and share their expertise, proactively and interactively, throughout the cleanup process.

The following sections describe the C3 approach and lay out major components that should be evaluated and incorporated throughout the project. The C3 QRG has been prepared to assist Project Managers with topics to be discussed with the Project Team during scoping meetings held prior to major document submittal. The C3 QRG is focused on cleanup planning and implementation; however, the concept of C3 should be introduced to the Project Team early and should be revisited as the project progresses. The Project Team includes both DTSC technical staff and the external consultant/proponent.



Community Considerate Cleanup Site:
Former Ramona Elementary School Site,
San Bernardino, CA. July 2023

Community Considerate Cleanup Quick Reference Guide – March 2025



2026 CUPA Conference Highlights

- HWM Plan Unit presented four sessions
 - DTSC Policy Branch Regulations Priorities for 2026
 - Hazardous Waste Management and Reporting Updates
 - Incinerable Waste Source Reduction and Recycling
 - Waste Code Modifications to Soils and Other Inorganic Solid Waste
- Presentations covered potential rulemaking packages and a preview of the 2026 Hazardous Waste Management Report information

2026 Hazardous Waste Management Report

- Release of the Draft 2026 Report anticipated in the coming weeks
 - Followed by a 60-day public feedback period
- Two workshops in early summer
 - Dates TBD
- Release of the Final 2026 Report after consideration of public feedback

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Questions on the Leadership Report

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