

Hazardous Waste Technical Advisory Group  
Minutes  
March 15, 2017  
City of Vernon CUPA

Attendees: Terry Carrier, Orange County CUPA, Linda Johnson, Vernon CUPA; Mitch Yamada, Long Beach CUPA; Alvin Dong, Los Angeles City Fire; Louise Norton, San Diego County CUPA; Wes Wesolowski, Riverside County CUPA; Erin O'Connell, Santa Barbara County CUPA; Christopher Newcomb, Santa Barbara County CUPA; Jojo Comandante, Los Angeles County Fire CUPA; Gloria Conti, DTSC

1. Meeting Minutes from 1-18-17

Minutes will be revised. Terry Carrier will contact Craig Cooper to have revisions made.

2. Retail Stores

SB 423 calls for findings and recommendations from the Retail Waste Working Group to be developed by 6-1-17. There will be several meetings leading up to the 6-1-17 deadline. Meetings in April are on April 3, 13 and 28 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

3. Steering Committee

For the Generator Improvement Rule, there will be webinars/training coming in May, 2017.

Gloria Conti reported that Julie Cooper, DTSC, has completed a draft document discussing pharmaceutical take back program. The draft document is being reviewed by DTSC staff.

Letter of approval/agreement with nicotine container rinsing with propylene glycol/glycerin forthcoming from DTSC.

6. Airbags/Seat Belt Pretensioners-T. Carrier

As part of a recall, over 13 million canisters are being stored as possible evidence as of right now. It is believed that the canisters will eventually become a waste and managed as hazardous waste in Michigan.

7. Roundtable

Terry Carrier discussed hazardous waste management at a freight hauling company. Additional statewide inspections will occur.

Gloria Conti discussed determining a hazardous waste tank versus a hazardous waste container. Gloria stated that even though this is not intended to act as official guidance, an inspector may need to consider the following:

1. What was the unit “designed” to be/used for?
2. What is the “intended” use of the unit? As a Container or a Tank?
3. Is it intended to be moved?
4. Is it in a secondary containment that does Not allow movement?
5. Is it set in place?
6. If it’s not a “shippable” container, it is probably a Tank.
7. If it can’t be moved, or hard piped in, then probably a Tank.

Gloria stated that Household Hazardous Waste facilities should be using an EPA ID number having a CAH prefix to avoid paying fees.

Wes Wesolowski discussed the exemption for non-RCRA hazardous waste tanks at Large Quantity Generators from needing a Professional Engineer certification.

Mitch Yamada discussed marijuana grow operations. This issue will be added to future TAG agendas for further discussion.

Louise Norton discussed inspections at indoor shooting ranges. Waste analysis had determined that ventilation exhaust filters and floor sweepings were hazardous for regulated heavy metals.

Erin O’Connell discussed treatment of resin from foam manufacturing.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 17 10:00-noon  
Santa Fe Springs Fire CUPA