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Avoid Late Penalties!

If you find yourself in a serious financial situation, please call Environmental Health (234-6625) well before the February 1, 2016 due date to inquire about making payment arrangements. Late penalties will not be excused once the deadline has passed.

State Surcharge Back Fees

CalEPA raised their annual CUPA Oversight Surcharge from \$24 to \$35 in 2013. Unfortunately, that change was not reflected on your invoice for calendar year 2014. A recent CalEPA audit revealed this oversight and the State has directed us to collect the \$11 underpayment for years 2014 and 2015. If you had a CUPA permit in 2014 and/or 2015, this year's invoice contains the remainder of the surcharge owed to the State.

Are you electronically entered into CERS? (Deadline was January 2013!)

Businesses were required to file their Hazardous Materials Management Plans (HMMP) into the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) database **no later than January 1, 2013**. If you failed to do so, you are about to become four years out of compliance with this requirement. Please contact your inspector or call Environmental Health for assistance. We are anticipating that CalEPA will direct us to commence enforcement activities against those businesses not in compliance, so it is in everyone's best interest to get it done.

Underground Storage Tank (UST) owners/operators look here!

- **All Single-wall USTs must be closed (removed) by a properly licensed contractor no later than December 31, 2025.** Ask your inspector for details.
- **At CalEPA's direction, UST facilities that are not entered into CERS are considered out of compliance and their Permit to Operate will not be issued or renewed in 2017.** Please help us avoid an inevitable red tag situation and become CERS-compliant. Your inspector can help... just ask!

Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) and Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans

Local Hazmat Agencies (CUPAs) have been tasked with helping facilities that store 1,320 gallons or more of petroleum products aboveground comply with the State APSA regulations. As you know, there was a federal compliance deadline of November 10, 2011, for preparing and implementing a Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure Plan (SPCC). Non-compliance with the federal SPCC or state APSA regulations will be documented during annual CUPA inspections with a potential for enforcement action. Please call your inspector if you have any questions regarding compliance with these two programs.

Stormwater Compliance Tips:

1. Store hazardous wastes indoors.
2. Avoid accumulation of water on top of drums (water will get sucked in and contaminate the contents).
3. Keep empty containers on their side or upside-down to prevent stormwater accumulation.
4. Change vehicle fluids indoors; avoid working on asphalt and dirt surfaces.
5. Don't wash vehicles on dirt, or where runoff water can enter a storm drain.
6. During wet weather, follow oil sheens back to their origin and address the issue at its source.
7. Keep areas that drain to waterways free of fugitive dirt and dust.
8. Be aware of conditions at your worksite that can be improved to prevent unwanted runoff.

HazMobile for Business Use

Businesses are welcome to use the hazardous waste disposal services of the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority (the "HazMobile"). Businesses must make an appointment (468-9710) and pay a fee per gallon, which is a direct "pass through" of the HazMobile disposal costs.

Businesses are responsible for transporting hazardous waste in compliance with all regulations for safe transport by conditionally exempt small quantity generators. A State EPA identification number may be obtained by calling 1-800-618-6942.

The HazMobile is open in Ukiah 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday, and on the 2nd Saturday of every month at their new location at 3200 Taylor Drive in Ukiah. They will also set up in the following cities from 9 am to 1 pm on the following dates in 2017:

Fort Bragg: Jan 6-7, Feb 3-4, Mar 3-4, Mar 31-Apr 1, May 5-6, Jun 2-3, Jun 30-Jul 1, Aug 4-5, Sept 1-2, Oct 6-7, Nov 3-4, Dec 1-2
Willits: Jan 20-21, Apr 21-22, Aug 25-26, Oct 27-28
Laytonville: Mar 18, Jul 15, Dec 16
Boonville: Mar 25, Oct 21
Point Arena: May 20
Covelo: Jun 17
Comptche: Apr 15
Sea Ranch: Feb 24-25, Apr 28-29, Jun 23-24, Aug 18-19, Nov 17-18