



# DEHQ Cost Recovery Proposal FY 2026-2027

## HMD Stakeholders Outreach

April 02, 2026

# We want to hear from you today



Please let us know what questions, comments, or feedback you have utilizing the chat section.



We'll do our best to answer all questions at the end of the session.

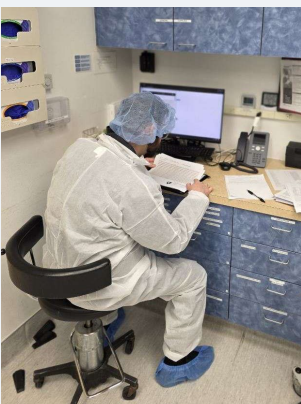
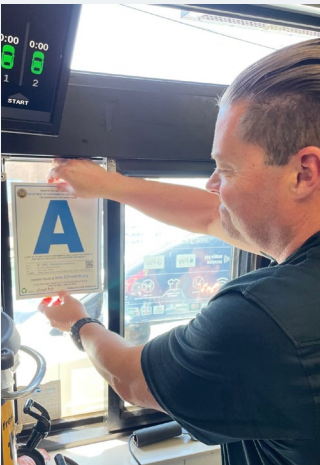


If we are not able to answer today, we will follow up with you.



This presentation is being recorded and will be available online by next week.

# Department of Environmental Health and Quality



# Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)



Hazardous Materials Business Plan



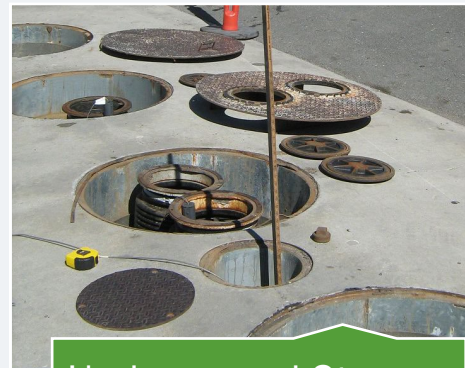
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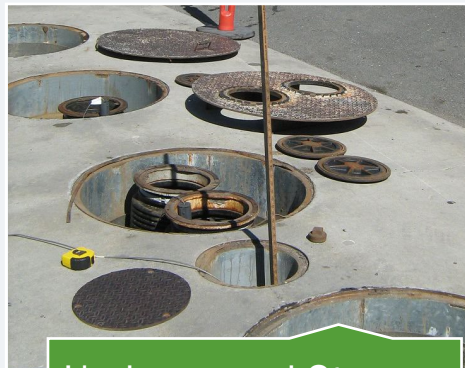
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Medical Waste



Incident Response

# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION (HMD)



Protecting public health & safeguarding environmental quality

Education and regulatory compliance

Graduated Enforcement Program

# HMD Programs and Services

- Release Reporting and Complaints: 858-505-6657
- HMD Duty Specialist: 858-505-6880
- California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) Help Desk: 858-505-6990
- UST Plan Check: [ustnotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:ustnotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov)
- HMBP Plan Check: [hazmatplancheck@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:hazmatplancheck@sdcounty.ca.gov)
- Public Records Requests: <https://pra.sandiegocounty.gov/requests/new>
- HMD Website: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/deh/hazmat>
- Workshops, Outreach, Seminars  
<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/CASAND/subscriber/new>



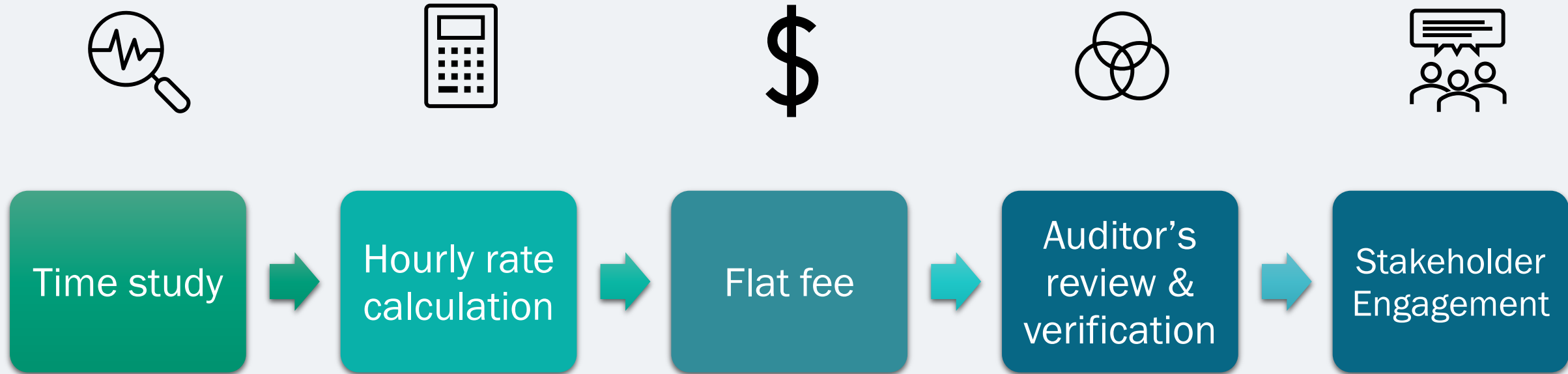
# Cost Recovery

## Why Fees Matter

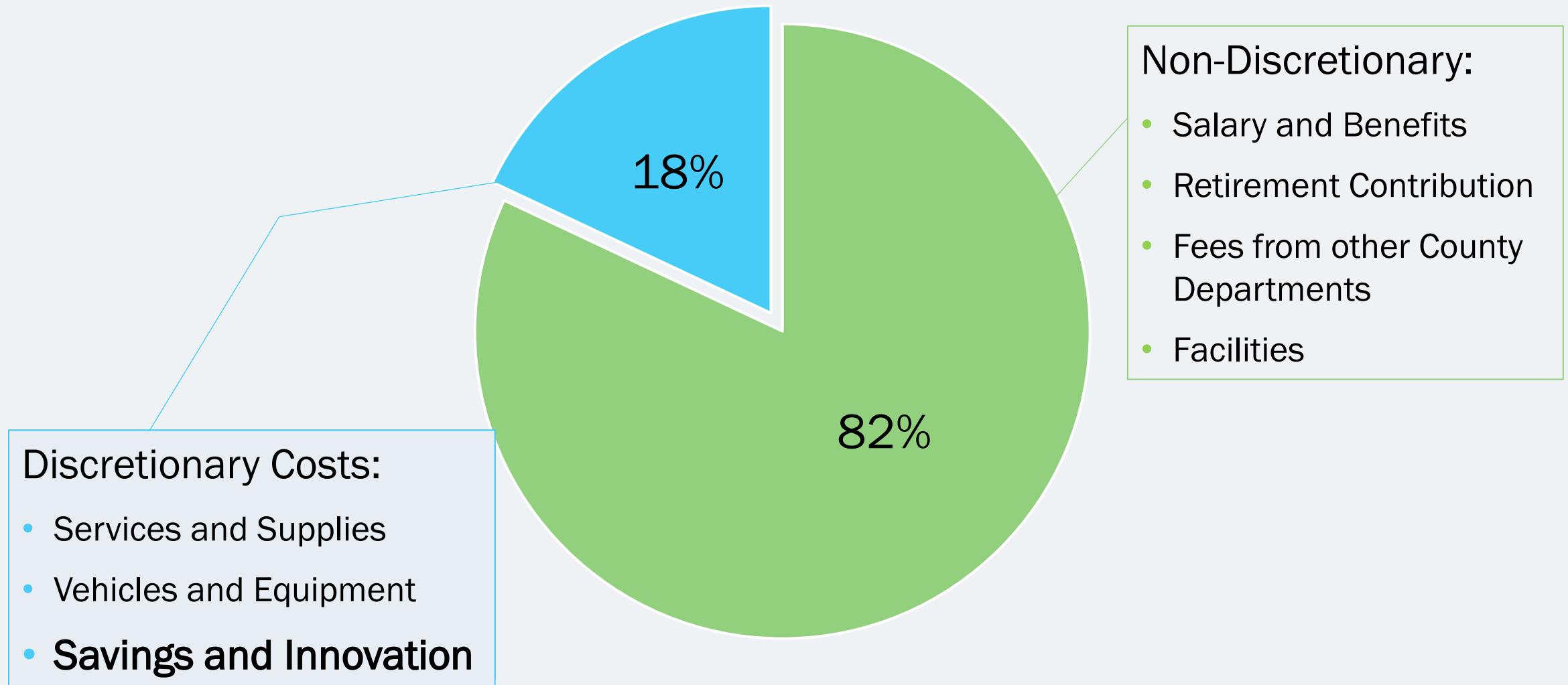
- Compliance with State of California laws and regulations (Title 27 CCR §[15210](#) – [15250](#), HSC [25404.5](#)) to implement and maintain CUPA
- Align with [Board Policy B-29](#) for full cost recovery annual fee review
- Support staffing, training, and preparedness
- Support operations
- Provide stakeholder support

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY	
Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery	Policy Number
	B-29
<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>To establish department responsibilities to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Recover full cost, to the extent legally possible for services provided to agencies or individuals outside the County of San Diego organization under grants, contracts, or for which fees may be charged. Exceptions require specific Board approval for the non-reimbursed costs.</li><li>2. Inform the Board of Supervisors of the proposed services, their full costs and anticipated revenues, and the reasons for any difference between full cost and anticipated revenue.</li></ol> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>The County can better fulfill its mission to provide county residents with superior services by pursuing external funding opportunities that do not compromise the County's fiscal integrity and operational discipline, set false expectations, or make imprudent resource commitments. Such judicious pursuit of external funding is consistent with the principles and procedures set forth in the County's General Management System (GMS) and also supports goals and disciplines detailed in the County's Strategic Plan. In addition, the County provides a number of services on a fee basis and these fees must be periodically reviewed. This policy establishes the guidelines which departments must follow when pursuing these external funding opportunities or in setting fees for services.</p> <p>ed of Supervisors that:</p>	

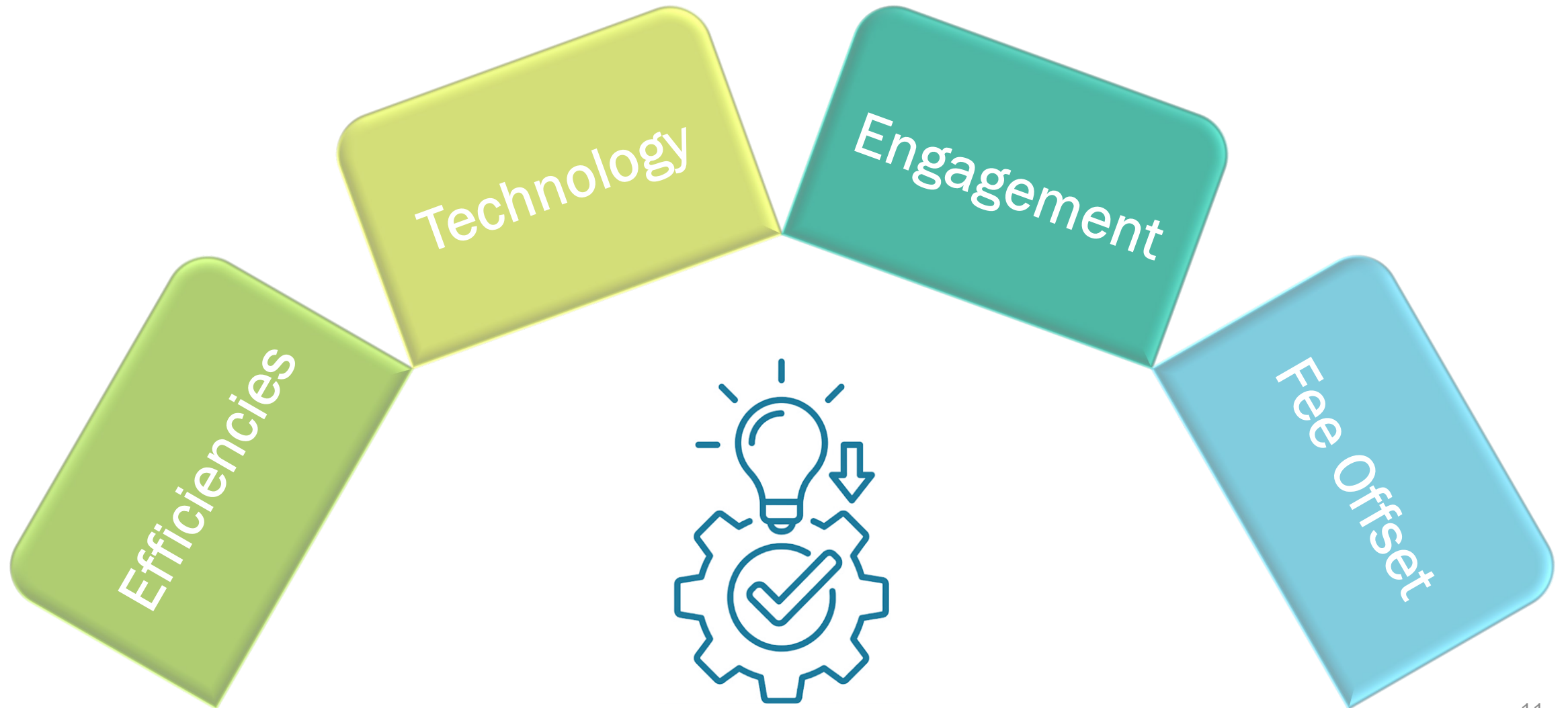
# Fee Development Process



# Cost Composition

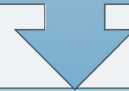


# Cost Mitigation

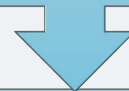


# Current Proposal

**Need:** FY 2026-27 costs require 9.8% average fee increase



**Mitigation:** Innovation & One-time Offset average 6.6% reduction



**DEHQ Proposal:** 3.2% average fee increase



**HMD Proposal:** 1.43% average fee increase

# Next Steps

- Answer questions and hear all your feedback on our current programs.
- May 2026: Anticipated to present the Cost Recovery Proposal to the Board of Supervisors for their review.
- Approximately 2 weeks after the first reading: 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Cost Recovery Proposal by the BOS
- On July 1, 2026: New fees to go into effect



Scan for website  
to access  
full proposed fee list



# County of San Diego

## HMD UPDATES

*What's on sight this 2026?*

# HMD Updates

- Site Assessment and Mitigation (SAM) Program:
  - Discontinued its Voluntary Assistance Program (VAP) as of 03/27/2026
    - Parties with active VAP cases were notified of transition to either: Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) or Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
  - Maintaining:
    - Oversight of Corrective Action cases
    - Meth/fentanyl lab Clean-up Program
    - Transactional Screening Program
  - Changing Hydrogeologist resource
    - No longer an in-house Hydrogeologist; HMD and FWHD will outsource it

# HMD Updates

- Proposed Ordinance Changes

- SDCC 65.107 Fees

- Remove: (k)(21) Voluntary assistance program (VAP)
    - Revise: (k)(22) Corrective Action Oversight
    - Clarify: (k)(4)(b) *Maximum fee for hazardous materials (up to and including 40 items)*
    - Remove: (k)(18) Biotechnology facilities [...] may have [...] fees reduced by 25% if [...]


- SDCC 68.907.2 Performance Fee Reduction

- Remove: [...] laboratories where relatively small quantities of hazardous chemicals are handled [...]

# HMD Updates

- Hazardous Waste:

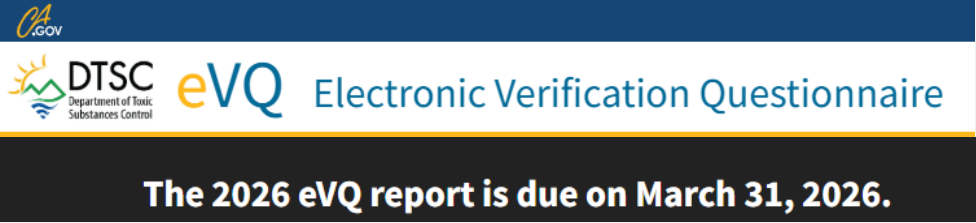
- e-Manifest



- Required for Generators of Hazardous Waste – expected by Fall 2026
    - Do you have a RCRAInfo account?
      - <https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/rcrainfoprod/action/secured/login> or scan → 
    - All discrepancies, rejections, and/or exceptions must be reported via e-Manifest
      - Effective 12/01/2025
      - No longer to be mailed directly to DTSC

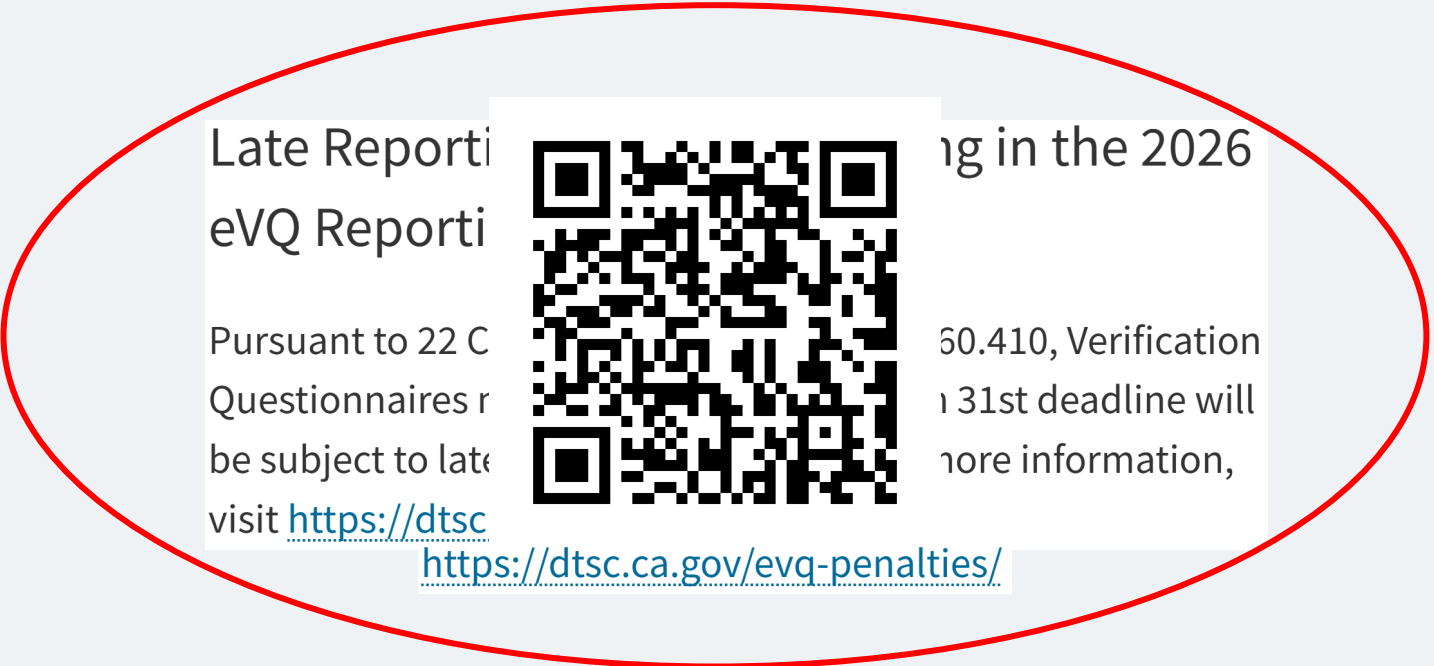
- To receive DTSC Updates: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/regs/>

# HMD Updates


- Hazardous Waste





**eVQ** Electronic Verification Questionnaire  
**The 2026 eVQ report is due on March 31, 2026.**



Late Reporting Penalties for eVQ Reporting in the 2026 Reporting Cycle  
 Pursuant to 22 CCR 660.410, Verification Questionnaires reported after the 31st deadline will be subject to late reporting penalties. For more information, visit <https://dtsc.ca.gov/evq-penalties/>



Tonnage Tier	1-15 days after reporting deadline	16-30 days after reporting deadline	31-45 days after reporting deadline	46-60 days after reporting deadline	61+ days after reporting deadline
Less than 5 tons	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$125	\$250
5 tons but less than 10 tons	\$100	\$200	\$350	\$550	\$1,100
10 tons but less than 25 tons	\$200	\$300	\$450	\$650	\$1,300

# HMD Updates

- Hazardous Waste

- Generator Improvement Rule

- Per 22 CCR §66262.16(b)(6)(F)(2) and 66262.256, arrangements with local authorities
    - [...] local police department, fire department, other emergency response teams, emergency response contractors, equipment suppliers and local hospitals... taking into account the types and quantities of hazardous wastes handled at the facility...
    - Is your facility information in CERS current?

- Emergency Response

- County HIRT : Fire Departments

- Tablet Command



# HMD Updates

- USTs
  - Single-walled Tank removal deadline: 12/31/2025
  - Five SW USTs at two facilities remain in San Diego County
- CalARP
  - Restructured CalARP program
  - Staffing and resource

# HMD Updates

- CERS NextGen
  - Launch postponed beyond January 2027
  - Current system nearing end of life
  - Still a single solution for CUPA programs
  - Automated submittal notifications, clear due dates, data validation
  - Stay informed: <https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/cersnextgen/>
- CUPA Evaluation
  - CalEPA evaluates CUPAs' performance for consistency, data integrity, and proper inspections



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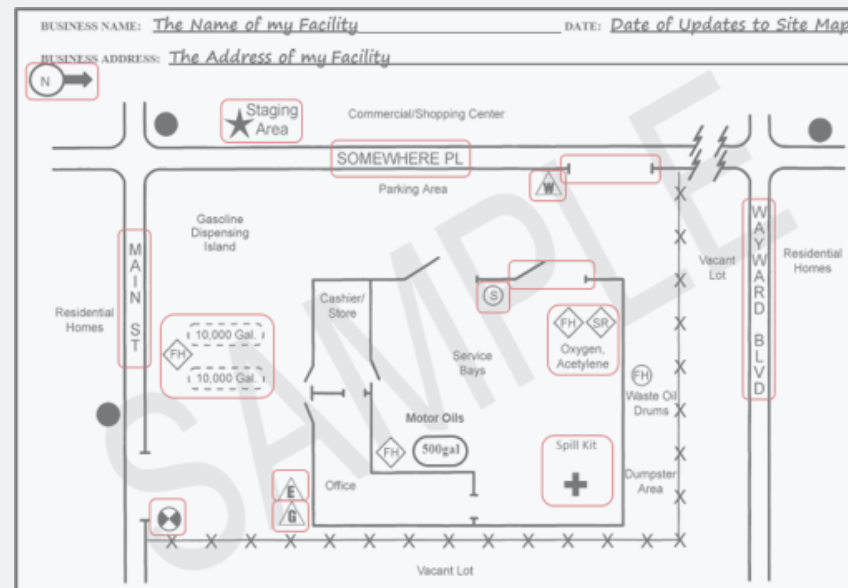
# TOP COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Calendar Year 2025

# Compliance Issue #10

## 1010005

Site map not submitted in CERS or not sufficient. HSC 25505(a)(2); 25508(a)(3); 25508.1(f); 19 CCR 1 5030.3(a)(3)



# Compliance Issue #9

## 3010010

Failed to maintain copies of Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest, consolidated manifest, or Bills of Lading for 3 years. HSC 25160.2(b)(3), 25185(a)(4); 22 CCR 66262.40(a), 66262.23(a)(3)

The image shows a sample of a Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest form, which is a document used to track hazardous waste from the generator to the treatment, storage, and disposal facility. The form is titled "UNIFORM HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFEST" and includes sections for Generator Information, Transporter Information, and Designated Facility Information. A large "VOID" watermark is overlaid on the form, indicating that it is a sample and not a valid document. The form also includes a table for recording waste quantities and a section for the transporter's signature and date.

No.	U.S. DOT Description (including Proper Shipping Name, Hazard Class, ID Number)	U.S. Customs No.	U.S. DOT Quantity	U.S. DOT Vol. (B Vol.)	U.S. State Code	U.S. DOT	
						Weight	Net Weight
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							

# Compliance Issue #8

## 1010001

Failed to establish and implement a HMBP. HSC 25505(a) and 25507(a)



# Compliance Issue #7

## 1010002

HMBP not submitted in CERS within the required timeframe. HSC 25508(a)(1); 27 CCR 15188(a),(b),(d)

California Environmental Reporting System: Business

[Sign In](#) [Help](#)

CERS Business

CERS is a statewide, web-based system to support businesses and Unified Program Agencies with electronically reporting, collecting, and managing hazardous materials-related data as mandated by the California Health and Safety Code. To learn more about CERS and the Unified Program, see [CERS Central](#).

### CERS Business Sign-In

Your Username

Next

[Forgot your Username or Password?](#)

# Compliance Issue #6

## 3030007

Failure to properly label hazardous waste accumulation containers and portable tanks with the following requirements: "Hazardous Waste", name and address of the generator, physical and chemical characteristics of the Hazardous Waste, and starting accumulation date. 22 CCR 12 66262.16(b)(4)(A), 66262.17(a)(5)(A)

<b>HAZARDOUS WASTE</b>		
<b>STATE &amp; FEDERAL LAW PROHIBIT IMPROPER DISPOSAL</b> IF FOUND, CONTACT THE NEAREST POLICE OR PUBLIC SAFETY AUTHORITY, THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL.		
PROPER D.O.T. SHIPPING NAME: _____		UN OR NA #: _____
GENERATOR'S INFORMATION		
NAME: _____		
ADDRESS: _____		
CITY: _____		STATE: <u>CA</u> ZIP: _____
GENERATOR'S EPA ID NUMBER: _____	MANIFEST TRACKING NUMBER: _____	
ACCUMULATION START DATE: _____ / ____ / ____	CA WASTE NUMBER: _____	EPA WASTE NUMBER: _____
CONTENTS, COMPOSITION: _____		
PHYSICAL STATE: <input type="checkbox"/> SOLID <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUID	HAZARDOUS PROPERTIES: <input type="checkbox"/> CORROSIVE	<input type="checkbox"/> FLAMMABLE <input type="checkbox"/> TOXIC <input type="checkbox"/> REACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
COMPLETE FOR STORAGE	<b>HANDLE WITH CARE!</b> CONTAINS HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC WASTES	COMPLETE FOR TRANSPORT

# Compliance Issue #5

## 1010004 & HMD0152

1010004 Chemical inventory incomplete or not submitted in CERS. HSC 25505(a)(1); 25507(a); 25508(a)(3); 25508.1(a-b); 19 CCR 15030.5 (a) or (d) [for **HMBP**]

HMD0152 Failed to report &/or update the required inventory information for **hazardous waste(s)** generated at the facility in CERS. SDCC 68.904(a)(2)



# Compliance Issue #4


## HMD1001 & HMD0131

HMD1001 Unified Program Facility permit not obtained for **hazardous materials**. SDCC 68.904; 68.905; 68.906, 68.907; 68.907.1

HMD0131 Unified Program Facility Permit not obtained &/or maintained for the generation of **hazardous waste**. SDCC 68.904; 68.905; 68.906; 68.907, 68.907.1

**JAN** **County of San Diego** **2027**  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND QUALITY  
**UNIFIED PROGRAM FACILITY PERMIT**  
P.O. BOX 129261, SAN DIEGO, CA 92112-9261 / (858) 505-6661 / (800) 253-9933 / FAX (858) 999-8920  
www.sddehq.org

Owner/Operator Name: **Hazardous Materials Division(HMD)**  
Facility Name: **HMD - CUPA**  
Facility Located at: **5500 Overland Ave, San Diego, CA 92123**  
Mailing Address  
**Zoraida Moreno**  
**5500 Overland Ave**  
**San Diego, CA 92123**



**Amy Harbert**  
Director

Record Number: DEH2002-HUPFP-123456

**UNIFIED PROGRAM FACILITY PERMIT**  
Permit valid: 2/1/2026 to 1/31/2027  
RENEWAL IS REQUIRED BEFORE EXPIRATION DATE

The Unified Program Facility Permit is required due to the following Program elements:

- Facility stores/handles Hazardous Materials in reportable quantities and is subject to Hazardous Materials Business Plan requirements.
- Facility generates Hazardous Waste.
- Facility owns/operates Underground Storage Tank(s). A separate Underground Storage Tank Operating Permit is also required.
- Facility is subject to the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act.

This information is taken from the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS), unless discrepancies were observed during an inspection.

**ATTENTION**

- A copy of this permit must be maintained at the facility location.
- Permit is not valid for any facility location or owner not listed above.
- This permit is not transferable. Any change in the above owner or location requires a new permit. A change in business activity may require a revised permit to add or delete program elements. All changes to the information shown on this permit must be reported in CERS.
- This permit is not transferable. Any change in the above owner, location or mailing address or business activity must be reported by submitting a written change to the department.
- This is not a City or County use permit, nor a permit to operate under any other regulatory program. Other permits may be required for these operations at this location.

A Unified Program Facility Permit is conditional until the information submitted in CERS is verified by inspection. This permit does not modify any requirement of federal, state or local law. This permit can be suspended or revoked for violations of Unified Program requirements.

05/2025, 4/1/2026

# Compliance Issue #3

## 3010002

Failed to obtain &/or maintain an Identification Number prior to treating, storing, disposing of, transporting or offering for transportation any hazardous waste. Maintenance of ID numbers must be annually verified by using the Electronic Verification Questionnaire (eVQ). 22 CCR 66262.18(a); HSC 6.5 25205.16(b)

### ID Number Reactivation

If your ID number doesn't meet the 2026 eVQ reporting requirements, you cannot use eVQ to reactivate your ID number. *New*

To reactivate your ID number, submit one of the following:

- Permanent State ID Number - [DTSC Form 1358](#) or RCRAInfo's [myRCRAid](#)
- Permanent Federal EPA ID Number - RCRAInfo's [myRCRAid](#)

# Compliance Issue #2

## 1020002

Initial &/or annual employee training not conducted in safety procedures for a hazardous material release or threatened release &/or employee training records not available or not maintained for 3 years. HSC 25505(a)(4); 19 CCR 1 5030.10(b)



# Compliance Issue #1

## 1010008

HMBP not certified as complete and accurate in CERS by the required due date. HSC 25508.2, 19 CCR 1 5030.5(b)

### Annual HMBP Certification (AB 1429)

This feature allows a business owner/operator to annually certify that the information in their last HMBP submittal in CERS is complete, accurate, and complies with EPCRA, if applicable. This option may only be used for facilities that meet the eligibility requirements for annual certification, and that are not subject to EPCRA reporting or APSA requirements. Please click [here](#) to review eligibility requirements. **It is strongly advised that you carefully review your last HMBP submittal for accuracy before certifying.**

Certify

### Create All HMBP Submittal Elements

This feature allows a business owner/operator to prepare a complete draft HMBP (Facility Information, HMI, ERTTP) automatically from your last submittal for submission to your regulator for review. This option should only be used if you are not eligible to certify, there are no changes to your last submitted HMBP elements, and those HMBP elements do not have a status of "Not Accepted."

Create All HMBP Submittal Elements

# Hazardous Materials Division

*Mission:*

*To protect human health and the environment from harmful exposures from hazardous substances by ensuring compliance with environmental laws and regulations.*



# Hazardous Materials Division

## *Technical Leads*

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