

Household Hazardous Waste Working Group Meeting

Meetings take place the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10am – 11pm

Date: Thursday, June 18th

Time: 10:00am – 11:00am

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions and Attendance
2. Presentations (TBD)
 - a. CUPA/HMD presentation: See email attachment for presentation
 - i. Who is CUPA (Certified Union Program Agency)
 - ii. In San Diego County, the Hazardous Materials Division is CUPA
 1. Includes Hazardous Waste (HW), Hazardous Materials (HM), California Accidental Release Prevention Program (CalARP), Underground Storage Tanks (UST), Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA), and Medical Waste (local requirement)
 - i. Who is HIRT?
 - a. Department of Environmental Health and Quality (DEHQ)
Hazardous Incident Response Team (HIRT)

- b. Investigate and mitigate chemical response throughout SD county
 - i. 2 responders are available at any time
 - c. Other Duties: Restaurant re-inspections, sewage spills, beach water quality, and assisting HHW events upon request
- i. CUPA Oversight
 - a. About 14,000 regulated facilities ex. Military, hospitals, schools, hhww sites, etc.
 - b. Inspections are performed about every 3 years
- i. How CUPA and HIRT work together
 - a. 911 is called, first on scene determines hazmat is needed
 - b. HIRT responders investigate and recognize it is a CUPA regulated facility and will request CUPA inspector. CUPA does inspection and enforcement.
- i. Common Violations
 - a. Employee training records not maintained,
 - b. Waste containers not closed when not in use
 - c. No Professional Engineer certification of hazardous waste tank
 - d. No ops plan and hhww shipping records available
 - e. No closure cost estimate
 - f. Failure to dispose of HW within 1 year of accumulation start date
- i. How to Prevent Violations
 - a. Have all documentations available at facility
 - i. Training docs, ops plan, HHW shipments, VSQG, etc.
 - ii. Photocopies are fine
 - b. Remember passwords
 - c. Documentation must be accessible to inspector
 - d. Close containers when not in use
 - e. Check facility when on-site, CUPA recognizes that not all sites are open every week so check when on-site
 - f. Set reminders for CERS (CUPA will not do reminders)
 - g. Every 365 days submit Hazardous Materials Business Plan
 - h. Recommended during Q1 to submit closure cost estimate (adjust for inflation
 - 1. Every year inflation goes up and you need to calculate the cost if the business goes under and includes inflation
- i. At the end of the visit, CUPA has a checklist and they can provide most recent checklist from your last site visit if needed

- i. Enforcement
 - a. Violation Classification
 - i. Minor > Class II > Class I
 - 1. Class 1: repeated issue, recalcitrance, harm done to people and the environment, triggers enforcement \$\$\$, enforcement will be reaching out to you
- i. Contacts
 - a. HIRT On-Duty (US on Ops Plan): 619-778-3591
 - b. HMD Duty Desk (complaints, questions, etc.): 619-505-6880
 - c. Speaker: Elaine Villena, Environmental Health Specialist III
 - i. 619-884-9274
 - ii. Elaine.Villena@sdcounty.ca.gov

Questions/Comments

1. CUPA is for all County of San Diego. There are no individual CUPA for cities. Internally CUPA staff have around 60 inspectors and are designated to certain zones and zip code.
2. One tip for submitting documentation is to submit all documentation at once even if you have only edits because then you will know everything has been submitted and everything is due at the same time.
3. Keep track of all password's, not remembering password is not a valid excuse and would receive a citation.
4. If someone leaves the job, them leaving and other staff not aware of duties is not a valid excuse.
5. There is a link in the code for inflation for closing cost inflation. Some facilities keep track with spread sheets, but it is ultimately up to the facility.

3. Legislative Updates

- a. **AB 762 (Irwin)**: Single use vapes sales ban, passed on Wednesday and will move onto Revenue and Tax. Endorsement list is really long
- b. **SB 1010 (Ashby)**: EPR for refrigerant containing appliances. No longer EPR. Consultant for the committee worked on original certified recycling program and had a few weeks to do research on bill. Adds certification fee to recyclers and they are largely okay with it. Higher fee initially and lower after, funding goes to DTSC and DTSC authority to enforce on certified and non-certified recyclers is funded. Also authorized CUPA to enforce complaints of recyclers who are mismanaging gas. By focusing on enforcement, the bill is now funded and there are two enforcement agencies.

- c. **AB 864 (Ward):** Solar panel management standards
 - d. **AB 1617:** HHW reporting bill, aims to align 303 reporting with calendar year
 - e. **Nitrous Oxide Cylinder Bills**
 - i. **AB 2076 (Lowenthal):** Age verification + online sale prohibition.
 - ii. **SB 1314 (Menjivar):** Ban retail sales at smoke shops + 600ft school buffer.
 - iii. **SB 936 (Blakespear):** Bans flavored/fume N₂O products; restricts sales for inhalation purposes.
 - f. **AB 2549:** Addresses embedded battery devices; sponsored by retailers
 - g. **SB 501 (Allen):** Expands AB 2440 battery EPR to include larger loose batteries, last EPR bill standing
 - h. **SB 615 (Allen):** EV traction batteries
 - i. **AB 2667 (Hadwick):** vape pens collected at schools would be considered HHW
4. News/Announcements
- a. Upcoming reporting deadlines:
 - i. Used Oil Payment Program (OPP) annual reporting for FY25-26 is due **August 15, 2026**. Do not submit prior to July 1, 2025.
 - ii. Used Oil Payment Program (OPP) application deadline for OPP 17 is **June 30, 2025**
5. Open Forum – issues, BMPs, solutions, engagement, etc.
- a. Handling Materials
 - b. Facilities/Inspections/Reporting
 - c. Contracting
 - d. Collaborations
 - e. HHW events
 - i. County of San Diego Campo Event May 30, 2026
 - 1. Around 95 residents, which is a good number for that community
 - f. Other
6. EPR
7. Roundtable
- a. Interest Form (always open): <https://forms.office.com/g/ZmbZaJZFQG>
8. Adjournment