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Date: August 3, 2009

To: Santa Cruz County Permitted Hazardous Materials Businesses

Re: AB 2286 and the Electronic Reporting Surcharge

General Information:

You are listed in our hazardous materials database as a business that is required to submit a standard form Hazardous Materials Management Plan (HMMP) and maintain a health permit with our office. This is to notify you that AB 2286 (Feuer), which took effect on January 1, 2009, will require all regulated businesses and all regulated local government agencies, called Unified Program Agencies (UPAs), to use the Internet to file required Unified Program information currently filed on paper forms. Information that will be required to be filed electronically includes facility data regarding hazardous materials, chemical inventories, underground and aboveground storage tanks, and hazardous waste generation. It also includes UPA data such as inspections and enforcement actions. All regulated businesses and UPAs in the State of California must use the Internet to file the information electronically by January 1, 2013. A new data system called the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) is being built by Cal EPA and will soon be available for use free of charge by regulated businesses and UPAs for the purpose of reporting electronically.

Temporary Surcharge Increase:

Regulated businesses now pay an annual minimum state surcharge fee of \$24. To pay for the costs of implementing electronic reporting statewide, the legislature recently instituted a temporarily increase in the minimum surcharge by \$25 per year for 3 years. This means that the amount of the minimum state surcharge will increase from \$24 per year to \$49 per year for the next 3 annual billing statements beginning in July 2009. The additional money will be used for system development, outreach & training, and technical support for CUPAs to be able to accept the information electronically. The temporary surcharge is included in the attached invoice as a separate line item with the description "State Surcharge (Electronic Reporting)".

Additional information about the new surcharge and the upcoming electronic reporting requirements can be found on the Cal EPA website at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/EReporting/default.htm>

Please feel free to contact our office at (831) 454-2022 should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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Hazardous Materials Program Manager