2010 Annual CUPA Program Letter to Regulated Businesses

This is Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH) second annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Program Letter. The purpose of this letter is to share news that may affect you as a permitted facility in the CUPA program.

**Starting July 1, 2010, if your facility is in the Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMBP) Program, a complete / full plan is to be submitted annually to ACDEH.** By filing a complete / full HMBP every year, you will be providing us up to date business information and chemical inventory for your facility. This will ensure our records are current. In addition, your responding fire departments will receive the most up to date information in the event of an emergency.

**Online hazardous materials and underground storage tank reporting is coming!**

Assembly Bill 2286, signed into law in September 2008, requires that by January 1, 2013 all businesses are required to report hazardous materials, hazardous waste, underground tank and aboveground tank related information electronically through the internet. California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA), in coordination with the local CUPAs, has been given responsibility for implementing this new requirement. A $25 surcharge will be charged to regulated businesses for three years, beginning July 1, 2009, to generate funds necessary to assist in the development and operation of this statewide electronic reporting system. 75% of the money collected will be used at the local level for implementation of the program.

Until you are notified that electronic reporting is required by us you can choose to submit on paper or you can use the online reporting process at https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/CERS to submit electronically.

**Alameda County Waste Tire Program has transitioned to ACDEH CUPA Program.** If your facility is in CUPA and Waste Tire Programs, your assigned CUPA inspector will be conducting both CUPA and Waste Tire inspections.

**Disputes**

If you have a disagreement with the inspector, please let us know. Our goal is to make our program more responsive to you without reducing our regulatory enforcement requirements.

Please feel free to contact us for more information or for suggestions that would improve our services or the value of this letter for you.

For more information, please contact your assigned Alameda County CUPA inspector or CUPA Program Manager, Susan Hugo at 510-567-6780. You can also find more information on our website (www.acgov.org/aceh/) or on the Cal/EPA website (www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/).