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NEW BUSINESS PROJECT – GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

This is to inform you that our Department's Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) will soon be corresponding with various County department heads and city managers regarding government facilities that may generate hazardous waste or handle hazardous materials. This is part of a comprehensive project to ensure all applicable facilities are appropriately regulated. Also, recent legislation (AB 1640 Laird), has clarified inclusion of local government entities under hazardous materials reporting and business plan requirements. The purpose is to identify, permit, and routinely inspect government facilities that are subject to regulatory requirements, but may not have been permitted in the past. Our primary focus is to ensure protection of public health and safety by proper use, handling and disposal of hazardous materials and waste at all government facilities.

These letters and memoranda will initiate discussions with cities and county agencies to not only identify facilities, but to assist in compliance of applicable laws and regulations. Compliance workshops will be scheduled this year to assist these government agencies in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or William Jones, Chief, Health Hazardous Materials Division at (323) 890-4042.

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