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Schools Program Update

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Presentation Agenda

- DTSC Budget Update
- Legislation Update – AB 2729
- DTSC Reorganization Update

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DTSC Budget News

- 22008/09: \$190 Million
 - General Fund \$26 Million (10% cut)
 - Federal Trust Fund
 - Hazardous Waste Control Account
 - Toxic Substances Control Account

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New Legislation – AB 2729

- AB 2729 – Ruskin
- Introduced 2/22/08; amended and passed in Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee on 4/21/08
- Scheduled for 5/14/08 Appropriations Committee hearing

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AB 2729 Provision #1

- Expands the uses of administrative penalties
- Authorizes creation of Pollution Prevention Technology Assistance Grant Fund (PPTAGF)
- Authorizes DTSC to transfer moneys collected from administrative penalties to PPTAGF

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AB 2729 Provision #2

- Existing law authorizes State Water Resources Control Board to expend moneys in the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (USTCF) to clean up releases
- Existing law requires SWQCB to prioritize claimants in 4 ranks
- New law adds school districts or county offices of education to 3rd rank for increased funding priority

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AB 2729 Provision #2, Cont. – School USTs

- 50 School UST sites now on 4th rank
- (some since 1992); 80% on existing school campuses
- VOC Concerns:
 - Potential indoor air impacts to school buildings
 - Potential groundwater impacts

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AB 2729 Provision #3

- Existing law required preparation of Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for cleanups if estimated costs exceed \$1 million
- New law will require RAP for cleanups if estimated costs exceed \$ 2 million

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DTSC Reorganization

- Effective April 14, 2008
- Eliminated Division Chiefs & Branch Chiefs
- Combined “like-function” branches
- Created regional branches of 30-50 staff

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DTSC Reorganization - Schools Staff

- In Brownfields & Environmental Restoration Program, aka “Cleanup Program”
- Schools staff re-assigned, report to Regional “Performance Managers”:
 - Sacramento: Anthony Landis (916) 255-3732
 - Chatsworth: Steve Lavenger (714) 299-9905
 - Cypress: John Scandura (714) 484-5440

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DTSC School Environmental Assessment Manual (SEAM)

- Currently in development; due mid-2008
- Objectives:
 - Provide comprehensive protocol/reference for conducting environmental assessments for prospective/new schools (Phase I, PEA, SSI)
 - Provide protocol for investigations of environmental concerns at existing schools
 - Consolidate information & templates from advisories, Fact Sheets, and guidance documents

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