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Transition of the City of Victorville CUPA to the San Bernardino County CUPA

San Bernardino County Fire Department has now assumed the role for implementing the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) program, with responsibility for enforcing state mandated hazardous materials laws and regulations, on behalf of the City of Victorville.

The Unified Program was created in the early 1990's, consolidating the management of chemical storage, release response planning, hazardous waste generation, and underground and aboveground storage tanks into one local agency certified by the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA). Each county was required to apply for certification and cities with preexisting programs were also allowed to apply for certification as the CUPA. San Bernardino County applied for and was certified as the CUPA for most of the county. The City of Victorville also applied for and was certified as a CUPA for the City of Victorville.

In April of 2015, the City of Victorville requested CalEPA transfer the Victorville CUPA to San Bernardino County Fire Department CUPA. CalEPA approved the request in October of 2015.

San Bernardino County is in the process of reviewing and compiling information that will be used to determine what hazardous materials permits may be required for facilities that handle, store, treat, and/or manufacture hazardous materials. Different tools will be used to make these determinations, including file reviews, analyzing information contained in the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS), and possible field verification.

We know you will have questions about this transition and we welcome the chance to get to know you and your business. If you would like to talk about your invoice, inspection policies, disclosure procedures, or anything else pertaining to the CUPA, please call our office at (909) 386-8401. Welcome to the San Bernardino County CUPA Program.

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