

## ASSEMBLY ESTM INFORMATIONAL HEARING ON UNIFIED PROGRAM

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### CalEPA Presentation

- 1) Jim Bohon, CalEPA Assistant Secretary, Local Program Coordination & Emergency Response
- 2) Involved with the Unified Program from the beginning – 1993
- 3) How many Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) & Participating Agencies (PAs)?
  - a) There are currently 81 CUPAs and 25 PAs
    - i) 58 counties, 22 cities, 1 Joint Powers Agency (JPA)
  - b) Significant reduction from 2002 with 86 CUPAs and 35 PAs
  - c) The Secretary Decertified one CUPA in January 2015
  - d) Most of the reduction is from city fire departments deciding to withdraw
    - i) Primary motivator was financial
    - ii) Maintaining the necessary training and certification levels
  - e) CUPAs Today: 54 EH agencies, 21 fire depts, and 6 other (PW, AgComm)
  - f) PAs Today: 23 fire depts, 2 LA County depts.
- 4) Overall picture of CUPAs
  - a) 72 satisfactory or better, 9 unsatisfactory (2 CUPAs almost satisfactory)
  - b) The majority of CUPAs receive a satisfactory with improvements needed
    - i) Typically 4 to 6 administrative deficiencies
  - c) Most CUPAs have good regulatory programs
  - d) Primary reason for unsatisfactory is qualified staff resources
    - i) Driven by funding and demographics
    - ii) 1 or 2 person programs
- 5) Largest challenge over past 5 years - Electronic Reporting
  - a) AB 2286 (Feuer, 2008) requires electronic reporting by all
    - i) Supported by industry, CUPAs, and state
  - b) Where we are in implementation
    - i) 160,000 businesses in the CA Environmental Reporting System (CERS)
    - ii) 100% identified in CERS – continuous turnover of about 10% per year
    - iii) Active inspection records on about 80% of the businesses overall
      - (1) Some variation between programs
    - iv) 241,000 inspections over past 3 years
    - v) 82,500 inspections over past year
      - (1) Resulted in 123,500 violations, most are minor
      - (2) 3,600 serious violations – 2.9%
      - (3) 2,170 businesses – 1.4%
- 6) Transparency - Information to the public
  - a) Implementing statute requires non-confidential information be made available to the public through the internet
  - b) A separate tool, CalEnviroView, provides internal access now to 5 data sources
    - i) CERS, GeoTracker, EnviroStor, CIWQS, and federal TRI
  - c) Project underway will make information available to the public in the fall 2016
    - i) Working with Dept Homeland Security, Chemical Industry, CalOES, state agencies to ensure appropriate level of general disclosure
    - ii) PRA is available for information not provided through CalEnviroView