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The California Health and Safety Code requires that the Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA) to be able to exchange data electronically with CalEPA starting on January 1, 2013. CalEPA developed a reporting system called CERS to manage all of the data. This data includes the information that is now being submitted to Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Programs (CCHMP) annually and CCHMP's inspection and enforcement records.

CCHMP is in the process of converting their existing data management system to one that will be able to exchange this data with CERS. This conversion will be complete in October and CCHMP staff will start using the new data management system and be able to exchange data with CERS.

CCHMP will transmit basic facility information for all existing facilities that is required for seeding CERS in December. The CalEPA staff will have a backlog of CUPAs that will need to be seeded at that time and will not be able to successfully input CCHMP data into their system until March or April 2013.

Businesses are required to submit their information electronically, which they will be able to do starting on January 1, 2013. As part of our conversion to the new data management system, CCHMP will have a portal that business will be able to submit their data electronically to CCHMP that will be exchanged with CERS. CCHMP will not be ready to receive this information electronically for the 2013 submittal, but will input all information that we receive from businesses by paper into the new data management system.

Therefore, we are requesting that businesses submit their information to CCHMP by paper the same as they have done so in the past. CCHMP will input this data into the new data management system. Once the seeding process has been completed with CERS, CCHMP will transfer the latest submittals to CERS. If a business does choose to submit their hazardous material information through CERS for the 2013 submittal, please note that some of this information may change when the seeding process occurs.

Please contact Matt Kaufmann (Hazardous Materials Specialist) at 925-335-3235 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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