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UNIFIED PROGRAM PERMIT FEE INCREASES – FAQ

1. Why are the fees changing?

Contra Costa Health Hazardous Materials Programs (CCHHMP) provides education, training, response, and inspection services to Contra Costa County businesses and residents under its Unified Program. Over the past 12 years, the number of businesses under our regulation has increased by approximately 40%. Consequently, there has been a 12% rise in annual permit fee revenue in order to administer the program. CCHHMP also collects fees for the Community Warning System (CWS), whose costs have also increased over the last 12 years (CCHHMP currently only collects ~\$800k, and current CWS operating costs are ~\$1.5 million). CCHHMP has worked with an independent consultant to propose a new fee structure which aims to be equitable and sustainable.

2. When was the last time fees were changed?

The fees were last updated in 2012, but there have been significant changes in regulatory requirements and long-term planning for the Unified Program (including the addition of 3 Supervisory Positions), which consists of approximately 3,800 regulated facilities in Contra Costa County.

3. When do these new fees go into effect?

Once the new fee structure is passed by the Board of Supervisors, the new fees will be in effect. For most existing businesses this will be reflected in your July 2025 invoices.

4. What are my new fees?

CCHHMP sent a letter to every facility showing their new combined fees. This letter was mailed out the week of 6/3/24. If you have not received your letter please reach out to ccchazmat@cchealth.org

5. How can I verify my fee categories/What if I have questions on my new fee amount/I think I am in the wrong category?

CCHHMP is happy to discuss your individual situation and review your fee categories with you. Please call 925-655-3200 and ask to speak to Adam Springer or Nicole Heath. Note that the information used by CCHHMP reflects the most recent information submitted to CERS.

6. How can I submit comments?

To submit written comments, email ccchazmat@cchealth.org or send a letter to the following:

Director of Hazardous Materials Programs

4585 Pacheco Blvd, Ste 100

Martinez, CA 94553

We also accept comments via fax (925) 646-2073 or hand delivery.

7. What regulatory authority is given for fees?

CCHHMP is the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA), which implements state hazardous materials regulations. Under California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 1, Subdivision 4 Section 15210, the CUPA is authorized to charge fees in a single fee system for implementing and maintaining these programs. Per Title 27 other programs that are incorporated into the unified program may also be part of the single fee system.

8. What if I cannot attend the meeting?

A recording of the meeting will be placed on our website at: <https://www.cchealth.org/health-and-safety-information/hazmat-programs/cupa-fees>

9. Who can I contact for more information?

For more information, please email ccchazmat@cchealth.org or call 925-655-3200 and ask to speak to Nicole Heath or Adam Springer.