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*"Healthy People, Healthy Communities"*

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## Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Hazmat Newsletter- December 2011

### **Avoid Late Penalties!**

If you find yourself in a serious financial situation, please call Environmental Health (463-4466) well before the February 1, 2012 due date to make payment arrangements. **Late penalties cannot be excused once the deadline has passed.**

### **Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) and Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans**

Local Hazmat Agencies (CUPAs) have been tasked with helping facilities storing 1,320 gallons or more of petroleum products aboveground comply with the new state APSA regulations. Additionally, the federal compliance deadline for preparing and implementing a Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) was November 10, 2011. Non-compliance with the federal SPCC or state APSA regulations will be documented during annual CUPA inspections. This year's invoice will contain a \$30 APSA inspection fee for qualifying facilities.

### **Ways to improve your operation:**

1. Look into "green" alternatives, e.g., consider switching to a water-based cleaning solution system rather than solvent.
2. Create an emergency response plan appropriate to your operation, and make sure your employees are familiar with the plan.
3. Train employees to handle hazardous materials appropriately and immediately clean up small spills in a proper and safe manner.

More information at: CalGold- <http://www.calgold.ca.gov/P2/7538.htm> and  
USEPA GreenLink web site: <http://www.ccar-greenlink.org/>

### **e-Filing of Hazardous Materials Management Plans (HMMP)**

A new law requires the State of California to provide for electronic filing of HMMPs over the internet by January 1, 2013. E-filing will be an easy way to submit and maintain your HMMP. The State has mandated that this office collect an additional \$25 surcharge for 3 years from each CUPA facility to fund the development of this program. This year's invoice includes the second \$25 assessment making the total surcharge \$49.00.

## Stormwater Compliance Tips:

1. Store oil-grease covered parts under cover.
2. Store hazardous wastes indoors.
3. Avoid accumulation of water on top of drums (water will get sucked in and contaminate the contents).
4. Keep empty containers on their side or upside-down to prevent stormwater accumulation.
5. Change vehicle fluids indoors; avoid working on asphalt and dirt surfaces.
6. Use drip pans.
7. During wet weather, follow oil sheens back to their origin and address the issue at its source.

## HazMobile for Business Use and 2012 Schedule

Businesses are welcome to use the hazardous waste disposal service of the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority (the "HazMobile.") An appointment is recommended, especially for larger quantities. The Authority passes through its costs for disposal in a charge per gallon or per pound, which must be paid at the time of service.

Businesses are responsible for safely transporting all hazardous waste so that there is no spill, and with complying with all regulations for safe transport by conditionally exempt small quantity generators. State EPA identification numbers may be obtained by calling 1-800-618-6942.

For information on HazMobile service, call 468-9710.

The HazMobile is open in Ukiah 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday and on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 298 Plant Road, behind the County Animal Shelter. At some point in 2012 their facility will move to Taylor Drive across the street from the Ukiah Transfer Station. In addition, the HazMobile is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the following locations:

Location	2012 Dates
Fort Bragg Disposal, 219 Pudding Creek Road	January 6-7 February 3-4 March 2-3 April 6-7 May 4-5 June 1-2 July 6-7 August 3-4 October 5-6 November 2-3 Nov 30- Dec 1
Willits Corporation Yard, 380 E. Commercial St.	January 13-14 April 27-28 September 21-22
Sea Ranch North Fire Station, Highway 1	January 27-28 March 23-24 June 23 September 28-29
Laytonville, Bailey's parking lot, Highway 101	March 30-31 November 9
Boonville, County fairgrounds parking lot, Highway 128	February 24-25 October 26-27
Point Arena Pier, Port Road	June 22
Comptche Fire House, Flynn Creek Rd.	July 28
Covelo Transfer Station, Refuse Road	May 11 August 10