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BUSINESS ACTIVITIES INSTRUCTIONS

The Business Activities Worksheet is for information gathering purposes only. The actual data must be entered into the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) and submitted electronically. For more information, please see our Electronic Reporting (CERS) page at www.sbcbfire.org/hazmat/efile.aspx.

Note: the numbering of the instructions follows the data element numbers that are in the Unified Program Data Dictionary

2. **EPA ID NUMBER** - If you generate, recycle, or treat hazardous waste, enter your facility's 12-character U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) or California Identification number. For facilities in California, the number usually starts with the letters CA. Contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control at (415) 495-8895 for further information.
4. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** –
Check the box to indicate whether you have a hazardous material onsite. You have a hazardous material onsite if:
 - It is handled in quantities equal to or greater than 500 pounds, 5000 pounds for only sensitizers or irritants, 55 gallons, 1000 cubic feet of compressed gas if simple asphyxiant & pressure release or 200 cubic feet of other compressed gases (calculated at standard temperature and pressure) based on container size.
 - It is handled in quantities equal to or greater than the applicable federal threshold planning quantity for an extremely hazardous substance listed in 40 CFR Part 355, Appendix A,
 - Radioactive materials are handled in quantities for which an emergency plan is required to be adopted pursuant to Part 30, Part 40, or Part 70 of Chapter 10 of 10 CFR, or pursuant to any regulations adopted by the state in accordance with these regulations.If you have a hazardous material onsite, then you must complete the Business Owner/Operator Identification page and the Hazardous Materials Inventory - Chemical Description page, as well as an Emergency Response Plan and Training Plan.
- 4a. **REGULATED SUBSTANCES** – Refer to 19 CCR 2770.5 for regulated substances. Check the box to indicate whether your facility has CalARP regulated substances stored onsite. CERS does not currently support any data entry or document uploads for CalARP.
5. **OWN OR OPERATE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST)** - Check the appropriate box to indicate whether you own or operate USTs containing hazardous substances as defined in Health and Safety Code (HSC) §25316.
8. **OWN OR OPERATE ABOVEGROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK OR CONTAINER** - Check the appropriate box to indicate whether there are ASTs onsite which exceed the regulatory thresholds. This program applies to all facilities storing petroleum in aboveground tanks. Petroleum means crude oil, or any fraction thereof, which is liquid at 60 degrees Fahrenheit temperature and 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute pressure (HSC §25270.2 (g)). The facility must have a cumulative storage capacity of 1,320 gallons or more for all ASTs. NOT Subject to the Act (exemptions):
The storage capacities of the following types of aboveground petroleum storage tanks do not count toward the 1,320 gallon threshold (see HSC §25270.2 (k))
 - A pressure vessel or boiler which is subject to Division 5 of the Labor Code,
 - A storage tank containing hazardous waste if a hazardous waste facility permit has been issued for the storage tank by DTSC,
 - An aboveground oil production tank which is regulated by the Division of Oil and Gas,
 - Certain oil-filled electrical equipment including but not limited to transformers, circuit breakers, or capacitors.
9. **HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR** - Check the appropriate box to indicate whether your facility generates hazardous waste. A generator is the person or business whose acts or processes produce a hazardous waste or who causes a hazardous substance or waste to become subject to State hazardous waste law. If your facility generates hazardous waste, you must obtain and use an EPA Identification number (ID) in order to properly transport and dispose of it. Report your EPA ID number in #2. Hazardous waste means a waste that meets any of the criteria for the identification of a hazardous waste adopted by DTSC pursuant to HSC §25141. "Hazardous waste" includes, but is not limited to, federally regulated hazardous waste. Federal hazardous waste law is known as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Unless explicitly stated otherwise, the term "hazardous waste" also includes extremely hazardous waste and acutely hazardous waste.
10. **RECYCLE** - Check the appropriate box to indicate whether you recycle more than 100 kilograms per month of recyclable material under a claim that the material is excluded or exempt per CHSC §25143.2. Check YES if you either recycled onsite or recycled excluded recyclable materials which were generated offsite. Check NO if you only send recyclable materials to an offsite recycler. If you check YES, complete the Recyclable Materials Report pages and upload them into CERS.
11. **ONSITE HAZARDOUS WASTE TREATMENT** - Check the appropriate box to indicate whether your facility engages in onsite treatment of hazardous waste. "Treatment" means any method, technique, or process which is designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of any hazardous waste or any material contained therein, or removes or reduces its harmful properties or characteristics for any purpose. "Treatment" does not include the removal of residues from manufacturing process equipment for the purposes of cleaning that equipment. Amendments (effective 1/1/99) add exemptions from the definition of treatment for certain processes under specific, limited conditions. Refer to CHSC §25123.5 (b) for these specific exemptions. Treatment of certain laboratory hazardous wastes do not require authorization. Refer to CHSC §25200.3.1 for specific information. Please contact your CUPA to determine if any exemptions apply to your facility. If your facility engages in onsite treatment of hazardous waste then you must complete the Tiered Permitting submittal element in CERS.
12. **FINANCIAL ASSURANCE** - Check the appropriate box to indicate whether your facility is subject to financial assurance requirements for closure of an onsite treatment unit. Unless they are exempt, Permit by Rule (PBR) and Conditionally Authorized (CA) operations are required to provide financial assurance for closure costs (per 22 CCR §67450.13 (b) and CHSC §25245.4). If your facility is subject to financial assurance requirements or claiming an exemption, then complete the Financial Assurance Certification located in the Tiered Permitting submittal element in CERS.
13. **REMOTE WASTE CONSOLIDATION SITE** - Check the appropriate box to indicate whether your facility consolidates hazardous waste generated at a remote site. Answer YES if you are a hazardous waste generator that collects hazardous waste initially at remote sites and subsequently transports the hazardous waste to a consolidation site you also operate. You must be eligible pursuant to the conditions in HSC §25110.10. If your facility consolidates hazardous waste generated at a remote site, then complete the Remote Waste Consolidation Site Annual Notification submittal element in CERS.
14. **HAZARDOUS WASTE TANK CLOSURE** - Check the appropriate box to indicate whether the tank being closed would be classified as hazardous waste after its contents are removed. Classification could be based on:
 - Your knowledge of the tank and its contents
 - Testing of the tank
 - Inability to remove hazardous materials stored in the tank.
 - The mixture rule
 - The listed wastes in 40 CFR 261.31 or 40 CFR 261.32.If the tank being closed would be classified as hazardous waste after its contents are removed, then you must complete the Hazardous Waste Tank Closure Certification page and upload it into CERS.
- 14a. **RCRA LQG** - Check the appropriate box to indicate whether your facility is a Federal Large Quantity Generator. If YES, you must have or obtain a US EPA ID Number.
- 14b. **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION** - Check the appropriate box to indicate whether your facility is a HHW Collection site.