

SB-14 Reporting Time is Around the Corner!

It's time to check to see if you are subject to SB-14 (the Hazardous Waste Source Reduction and Management Review Act of 1989) for which the coming deadline for compliance is September 1, 2007. While regulated facilities are required to complete certain SB 14 documents, facilities can take advantage of this effort to reduce pollution, streamline operations and save money.

The goal of SB 14 is to reduce the generation of hazardous waste throughout a facility's operations rather than at the "end of the pipe". This goal is accomplished by examining processes that generate waste at every stage in the process and identifying opportunities to reduce the amount of waste generation. Pollution prevention efforts like SB 14 have many benefits, including:

- Cost savings and leveraged business risk
- Leveraged environmental overhead costs
- Reduced compliance workload
- Encouraging businesses to look for ways to make continual improvements
- Improves relationships between business, regulators and the community

Who is covered under SB 14?

SB 14 applies to larger hazardous waste generators, those whose facilities generate more than **12,000 kilograms (26,400 lbs) per year of routinely generated hazardous waste**. This includes hazardous wastewater that is pre-treated on site prior to disposal to the sewer. SB 14 also applies to facilities routinely generating **greater than twelve (12) kilograms (26.4 lbs) per year of extremely hazardous waste**. For many covered facilities, this is the latest in a series of biennial documents, hopefully showing a continuing reduction in the amount of generated hazardous waste.

Steps to Compliance

In order to comply, generators must identify their major hazardous waste streams, determine their applicability to reporting requirements, evaluate and select source reduction alternatives, set goals, and to prepare three documents, including:

1. Source Reduction Evaluation Review and Plan (Plan);
2. Hazardous Waste Management Performance Report (Report); and
3. Summary Progress Report (SPR).

Generators must prepare these three documents by **September 1, 2007**, maintain them on site and submit the SPR to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) by September 1, 2007.

Brown and Caldwell has staff experienced in preparing SB 14 documents and available to assist you in meeting this critical reporting deadline.

A Spectrum of Services Focused on a Sustainable Business Practices

In addition to SB 14 Source Reduction and Planning Support, with extensive regulatory expertise in issues that matter the most to the regulated community, Brown and Caldwell offers a wide range of proactive, "forward-focused" engineering, environmental permitting and compliance, and "turn-key" solutions for public organizations and private sector industrial manufacturing and assembly operations.

We would welcome the opportunity to assist your company with your SB-14 reporting and other environmental compliance needs. **Our objective is the same as yours: to maintain your compliance obligations in a proactive, cost effective manner.... from start to finish.**

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