


AGENCY PROFILE

What veterinary practices need to know about regulatory agencies.

<p>Agency Name</p>	<p>California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA)</p>
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<p>General Info/ Agency Mission</p>	<p><u>The California Environmental Protection Agency's</u> (Cal EPA) mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.</p>
<p>Legal Authority</p>	<p>A complete list of statutes, regulations, legal opinions and policies can be accessed here. Enforcement information can be found in the California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.5, Article 8. Laws that govern small quantity generators of hazardous waste can be found in the California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.5, Article 10.8.</p>
<p>What it means to you</p>	<p><u>Cal EPA Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)</u> oversees hazardous waste management by California generators. This includes registration (not required for most veterinary practices), inspections/ investigations, and disposal through registered hazardous waste transporters. Hazardous waste includes items such as lead, mercury, formalin, difquick stain, X-ray developer, unwanted radiographs taken on rare-earth (silver) film, and other materials that can harm the environment. For more information on hazardous waste, read the CVMA Compliance Corner article: Hazardous Waste 411. More information on the DTSC can be obtained in this brochure. Information specific to veterinary offices can be obtained here.</p>
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