

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT

The Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) Emergency Response Unit (ERU) assists local and state agencies with emergency identification and cleanup of hazardous substances and materials.

Types of support include:

- Cleanup of abandoned hazardous substances;
- Assessment and removal of non-petroleum hazardous substances from defunct facilities that pose an *immediate threat* to public health or the environment;
- Cleanup assistance at illegal drug labs seized by law enforcement officials; and
- Hazardous substance removal support to cities and counties during declared disaster events associated with wildfires, floods and earthquakes

Authority and Funding

DTSC is among a few state agencies that have emergency response authority and funding. This authority is granted in the State's Superfund law (California Health and Safety Code section 25300 et seq.) That same law established the Emergency Reserve Account, which funds the ERU's non-petroleum hazardous substance cleanups of abandoned waste, defunct facilities where those hazardous substances are located, and to provide support to local agencies in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. The State Superfund law has a petroleum exclusion, meaning DTSC's normal emergency response funding is not available for petroleum incidents.

California's Health and Safety Code 25354.5 established the Illegal Drug Lab Cleanup Account, which funds the assessment and cleanup of hazardous substances associated with illegal drug labs. The Emergency Reserve Account and the Illegal Drug Cleanup Account each receive an annual allocation of \$720,000. Both of these accounts are funded via the General Fund.

Staffing

DTSC maintains a round-the-clock Duty Officer System to handle requests for assistance from local and state agencies. The Department is the only entity within the California Environmental Protection Agency that has a duty officer available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As a result, DTSC has been tasked to be the point-of-contact for any incident.

The Emergency Response Unit consists of one manager, five technical staff and one administrative support staff. In the case of a major incident, 30 DTSC employees are available to respond. All are trained as Hazardous Materials Technician/Specialists through the state's Office of Emergency Services. DTSC also employs six hazardous substances cleanup contractors that are located throughout the state and are available 24/7. (See attached map)

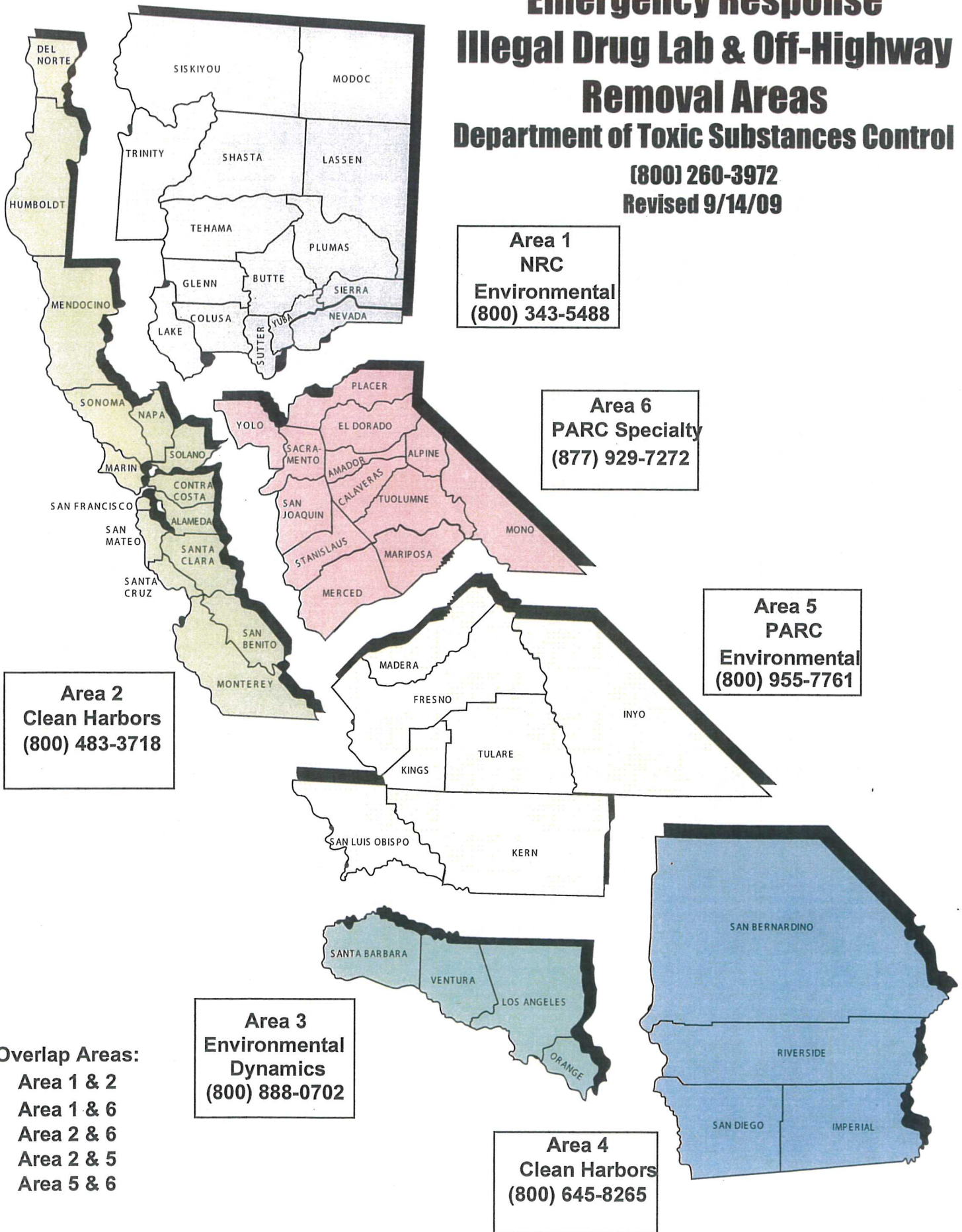
DTSC has responded to several state and federally declared disasters in recent years. These include the Angora (Lake Tahoe) Fire in 2007, the Southern California fires in 2007, Escondido Bomb House (2010), San Bruno gas pipeline rupture (2010) and the wildfires in Monterey and Tuolumne counties (2013.) (Attached is a chart with a sampling of the larger hazardous substance removals conducted by ERU in the last five years.)

Emergency Response Illegal Drug Lab & Off-Highway Removal Areas

Department of Toxic Substances Control

(800) 260-3972

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**Area 1
NRC
Environmental
(800) 343-5488**

**Area 6
PARC Specialty
(877) 929-7272**

**Area 5
PARC
Environmental
(800) 955-7761**

**Area 2
Clean Harbors
(800) 483-3718**

**Area 3
Environmental
Dynamics
(800) 888-0702**

**Area 4
Clean Harbors
(800) 645-8265**

- Overlap Areas:**
- Area 1 & 2
 - Area 1 & 6
 - Area 2 & 6
 - Area 2 & 5
 - Area 5 & 6

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Large Emergency Response Actions
2009 to Present

DATE	SITE NAME/ADDRESS	CITY	COUNTY	INCIDENT TYPE	CONTRACTOR COSTS
2/22/2014	8676 CHIFNEY LANE	RIVERSIDE	RIVERSIDE	DRUG LAB	\$16,000
1/25/2014	ALLEY WAY BEHIND W 39TH STREET	LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES	DRUG LAB -PCP WASTE	\$25,000
1/5/2014	8635 CLIFFWOOD WAY	SACRAMENTO	SACRAMENTO	SPILL - STORM DRAIN	\$22,500
12/12/2013	RESIDENCE ADACENT TO SCHOOL	LONG BEACH	LOS ANGELES	IMPROPER STORAGE	\$52,000
11/20/2013	PAN METALS	MAYWOOD	LOS ANGELES	METALS RECYCLER	\$12,000
10/21/2013	CUSTOM CHROME & BUMPER	YUBA CITY	SUTTER	PLATING	\$301,677
9/20/2013	PORT OF WEST SACRAMENTO	WEST SACRAMENTO	YOLO	ABANDONED BARGES	\$37,030
9/16/2013	TUOLUMNE COUNTY RIM FIRE	GROVELAND	TUOLUMNE	WILDFIRES	\$19,223
6/21/2013	RESIDENCE	STOCKTON	SAN JOAQUIN	MERCURY - SKIN CREAM	\$25,778
6/17/2013	PORT OF WEST SACRAMENTO	WEST SACRAMENTO	YOLO	ABANDONED VESSELS	\$124,307
1/8/2013	FONTANA PLATING AND POLISHING	BLOOMINGTON	SAN BERNARDINO	PLATING	\$53,480
1/3/2013	1242 HIGHWAY 263	YREKA	SISKIYOU	MERCURY SPILL	\$14,328
12/14/2012	2029 BLAKE AVE	LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES	ABANDONED	\$25,329
6/20/2012	4145 SILVER BAR RD	MARIPOSA	MARIPOSA	ABANDONED	\$12,359
4/16/2012	MOBILE SMELTING	MOJAVE	KERN	METAL SMELTING	\$147,872
3/12/2012	35676 SOAP MINE RD	BARSTOW	SAN BERNARDINO	ABANDONED TRAILER	\$54,966
8/2/2011	602 N MACY ST	SAN BERNARDINO	SAN BERNARDINO	MERCURY SPILL	\$23,493
3/22/2011	3600 ARGENT ST	BAKERSFIELD	KERN	MERCURY SPILL	\$23,187
2/24/2011	22568 JERUSALEM GRADE RD	MIDDLETOWN	LAKE	DRUG LAB	\$30,053
12/9/2010	BENHAM & JOHNSON	BAKERSFIELD	KERN	SITE SECURITY	\$13,716
12/2/2010	ESCONDIDO BOMB HOUSE	ESCONDIDO	SAN DIEGO	BOMB HOUSE	\$87,388
11/29/2010	APARTMENT COMPLEX NEAR SCHOOL	OAKLAND	ALAMEDA	MERCURY SPILL	\$13,346
9/21/2010	INDALEX	MODESTO	STANISLAUS	ALUMINIUM PLANT	\$123,071
9/10/2010	SAN BRUNO GAS PIPELINE EXPLOSION	SAN BRUNO	SAN MATEO	PIPELINE EXPLOSION	\$9,396
7/17/2010	MARIPOSA ARTS PARK	MARIPOSA	MARIPOSA	MERCURY SPILL	\$16,085
4/23/2010	FLYING J TRUCK STOP	RIPON	SAN JOAQUIN	ABANDONED TRAILER	\$54,223
2/18/2010	LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE FLOOD/MUDSLIDES	LA CANADA	LOS ANGELES	FLOODING	\$7,653
10/19/2009	BIG TUJUNGA CANYON-STATION FIRE	LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES	WILDFIRES	\$41,121
9/30/2009	1053 JACARANDA ST	ONTARIO	SAN BERNARDINO	DRUG LAB	\$15,292
9/2/2009	PLACER 49ER WILDFIRE	AUBURN	PLACER	WILDFIRES	\$35,557
5/20/2009	215 25TH AVE	SANTA CRUZ	SANTA CRUZ	EXPLOSIVES	\$12,589
5/3/2009	1830 ORANGE AVE	PATTERSON	STANISLAUS	DRUG LAB	\$18,369
1/23/2009	32165 EAGLE COURT	WILLITS	MENDOCINO	DRUG LAB	\$32,131