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TO: California State Assembly Members

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED - ASSEMBLY BILL 1 (CRISTINA GARCIA AND SANTIAGO) AS REVISED ON MAY 20, 2021 – HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **OPPOSES** Assembly Bill 1 (AB 1), as revised on May 20, 2021, **unless amended** to include the recommendations in this Floor Alert. If enacted, the proposal would repeal a number of existing local government fee exemptions, thereby significantly increasing local governments' operational costs for conducting household hazardous waste (HHW) and used oil collections programs. These local programs provide critical public services and prevent improper disposal of household hazardous waste and used oil. The reduction and potential elimination of these collection programs would cause a significant increase of hazardous waste contamination in solid waste and curbside recycling collection programs, as well as illegal dumping, which would negatively impact the natural environment, public health and safety of our residents. While the Task Force recognizes that the proposed legislation makes several important changes to improve the governance and operation of the DTSC, the Task Force also believes that the proposal needs to be amended to address the following:

- Reinstatement of the fee exemption from the Generation and Handling Fee for hazardous wastes and small quantity generator wastes collected by local HHW collection facilities and programs.
- Reinstatement of the used oil exemption from the Generation and Handling Fee for local used oil collection programs.
- Currently, Universal Wastes are being accepted at HHW collection facilities. Therefore, clarification is needed that Universal Wastes are not subject to the Generation and Handling Fee.
- Clarify that hazardous waste reduction plan goals on reducing the amount of hazardous waste disposed shall focus on upstream generation and management rather than imposing requirements on local governments to reduce the quantity of materials accepted by local operations.
- Expand the scope of the Board of Environmental Safety's authority to allow it to hear public comments and concerns about issues under the jurisdiction of DTSC.

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the **Task Force OPPOSES AB 1 unless amended** to include/address the concerns/recommendations in this letter **and requests your NAY vote on the bill**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.