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To: Local Enforcement Agencies

LEA Reminder Regarding LEA Evaluation Cycle

This email serves as a reminder regarding CalRecycle's LEA evaluation cycle which was previously shared during the last set of Enforcement Advisory Council and Roundtable meetings. The Evaluation Unit is currently experiencing delays in processing evaluations due to COVID-19, staff assignments to assist in wildfire recovery efforts, and unfilled staff vacancies.

The Evaluations Unit is implementing a plan to improve the evaluation processing time and address current delays. The following steps have or will be taken.

1. Evaluations to reassign staff and update the LEA Directory to reflect the new staff assignments.
2. Evaluations currently in process or that have already been announced will continue as scheduled.
3. All other evaluations will be prioritized based on the evaluation due date and previous evaluation findings.
4. Methods to streamline the evaluation process are being explored.
5. Recruitment to fill staff vacancies are in process.

It is anticipated that Evaluation Cycle 7 will be completed by the end of 2020. All evaluations will be on track by December of 2021. Evaluations Unit staff will be in direct communication with LEAs to provide revised start dates.

COVID-19 Impacts

When evaluating LEA performance, staff will consider the LEA's good faith efforts in implementing program responsibilities to ensure compliance with state requirements during these uncertain times. LEAs should communicate any issues or concerns relative to their ability to implement state requirements to their CalRecycle point of contact as soon as possible. These communications and resulting steps taken will be factored into the next evaluation.

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