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To: Local Enforcement Agencies and Solid Waste Facility Operators

Information Update – Management of Treated Wood Waste

A Coalition Response Letter on Questions on Handling Treated Wood Waste in California after January 1, 2021, has been posted to the updated Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) [treated wood waste page](#). The letter to Lynch and Associates is in response to their letter regarding the pending sunset of legislation that allowed alternative management methods for the handling and disposal of Hazardous Treated Wood Waste in California.

In the letter, DTSC indicates that Treated Wood Waste remains a hazardous waste. The letter also indicates that DTSC intends to pursue the issuance of temporary variances which will allow treated wood waste to continue to be managed pursuant to the alternative management standards and continue to be disposed in composite lined municipal solid waste landfills.

DTSC is developing procedures for these temporary variances, and CalRecycle will be sharing further details as they are developed. Additional information and future FAQs can be found at DTSC's treated wood waste page. For questions regarding the requirements for the management of treated wood waste, please send an email to TWW_help@dtsc.ca.gov.

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