



Santa Barbara County Fire Department

Hazardous Materials Regulatory Program Fee Proposal

The Unified Program

- The State's Unified Program consolidates the requirements for hazardous materials permits, inspections, and enforcement activities of six State environmental programs.
- Cal/EPA oversees the implementation of the Unified Program as a whole.



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- The State is responsible for setting the standards for the programs while local governments implement the standards.
- A local government agency implementing these programs is known as a Certified Unified Program Agency or CUPA.



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Fees

Section 25404.5 (a)(2)(A) of the Health and Safety Code allows the Board of Supervisors to establish fees at a level sufficient to pay the necessary and reasonable costs incurred by the CUPA



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- Current fees were approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2009
- Fees need to be increased because of increased salary and benefit costs over the last 3 years



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- Fee proposal for 2012 is a 9.9% increase across all CUPA programs and will ensure full cost recovery for the current inspection program
- Santa Barbara County CUPA fees have been historically lower than most other CUPAs in So Cal



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	VNC	LAC	OXN	ORC	SDC	SBC Current	SBC Proposed
	Add \$311 Base Fee for all programs				Add \$228 Base Fee for all programs		
Business Plans							
1-3 Chemicals				309		231	254
55-275 Gallons	113.21	328					
55-550 Gallons			532		71/mat'l		
4-6 Chemicals				427		277	304
276-500 Gallons	113.21	420					
551-2750 Gallons			887				
7 - 10 Chemicals				648		323	355
501-5500 Gallons	226.42	581					
2751-5500 Gallons			1,108		112/mat'l		
Underground Storage Tanks							
Tank Fee	379.11		310	544	433	538	591
Haz Waste Generator							
0 - .99 Tons		590		388		319	351
< 5 Tones			355		85/waste		
First Unit	1,471						
1-4.99 Tons		828		490		387	425
5-50 Tons			443		186/waste		
Each additional unit	697						



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PROPOSED REORGANIZATION

- Reorganize to create a more efficient, mission oriented and customer focused Haz Mat Unit
- A new Haz Mat Unit organization will require the funding of up to 4 specialists in the next 3 to 4 years



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- An incremental fee increase over a 3 to 4 year period will be required to support the new Haz Mat Unit organization
- The Fire Department will conduct a fee and time study in 2012 to determine a final accurate base for fees and the necessity of additional staff due to the addition of UCSB and Vandenberg AFB.



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QUESTIONS