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On January 15, 2014, the California State Senate's Environmental Quality Committee held a hearing in Sacramento on the Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) oversight of hazardous waste operations in California. The hearing was called in efforts to address a wide range of concerns regarding DTSC's oversight of hazardous waste operations, including but not limited to the agency's permitting of hazardous waste operations, its enforcement record and its tracking of 1.7 million tons of hazardous waste shipped for disposal each year.

According to various media reports, DTSC's oversight efforts have been largely defined by glaring failures in recent years, including the failure of its tracking system to account for 174,000 tons of hazardous material shipped for disposal in the last five years, as well as reports suggesting that DTSC has been slow to act and ineffectual in its regulation of hazardous waste operations. The agency also reportedly failed to recover \$140 million in remediation costs, or costs to clean contaminated land, from several hundred different companies from 1987 to 2012. Given the recent aforementioned difficulties facing DTSC, it is imperative that the City of Los Angeles take inventory of its own efforts with respect to citywide oversight of hazardous waste operations.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the Bureau of Sanitation be instructed to report regarding the City's hazardous waste operators, including an inventory of hazardous waste facilities currently operating within City limits.

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