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The California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) program was implemented on January 1, 1997 and replaced the California Risk Management and Prevention Program (RMPP). The purpose of the CalARP program is to prevent accidental releases of substances that can cause serious harm to the public and the environment, to minimize the damage if releases do occur, and to satisfy community right-to-know laws. This is accomplished by requiring businesses that handle more than a threshold quantity of a regulated substance listed in the regulations to develop a Risk Management Plan (RMP). An RMP is a detailed engineering analysis of the potential accident factors present at a business and the mitigation measures that can be implemented to reduce this accident potential.

The CalARP program is implemented at the local government level by Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) also known as Administering Agencies (AAs). The Los Angeles Fire Department has been designated the City's local agency tasked with CalARP inspections and compliance oversight, including the review of RMPs, and conducts safety inspections at 50 facilities within City-limits that fall under CalARP monitoring standards.

The Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), at the request of Council District 15, completed a review of CalARP standards to complement the prior reports by various City departments to determine the safety of above ground storage tanks. The report, and similar reports filed over the past decade, have failed to note any flaws in the safety standards or the inspections performed by LAFD. However, it was suggested that while LAFD is completing all CalARP inspections, the information is not effectively communicated to City residents. It was recommended that the LAFD find a new way to educate the public on what standards CalARP-identified facilities must adhere to, and the results of inspections they conducted.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the Los Angeles Fire Department, establish a CalARP inspection section on the LAFD web site that would provide information to residents on the 50 CalARP facilities inspected by LAFD and provide information, in a clear and easy to understand format, the following pieces of information:

- Code Requirements as mandated by the City, State, and Federal government
- Inspection Status/Frequency of Inspections Performed
- Inspection History
- Emergency procedures designed to keep the public safe from or in the event of an accidental release
- Whether the facility has an RMP on file that has been approved by the proper agencies

I FURTHER MOVE, that the City Administrative Officer, in conjunction with LAFD, report on the cost of establishing the CalARP information page, including any and all staffing and maintenance costs, and determine sufficient sources to revenue to pay for the establishment of this page.

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