



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Ms. Jane Hindmarsh, Chief
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Dear Ms. Hindmarsh:

In response to your letter of June 22, 2001, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 recognizes that the California Hazardous Material Inventory Forms #2730 and #2731, as revised, now reflect all information required to be submitted to satisfy the federal reporting requirements under Section 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Submission of the federal Tier II Annual Hazardous Materials Inventory form for the purpose of satisfying the reporting requirement under EPCRA §312 is not necessary in California as long as the facility has submitted the current Forms #2730 and #2731 where appropriate.

While providing assistance to some of the California Certified Unified Program Agencies, we are aware that some facilities may have submitted inventory reporting forms utilized by the State of California prior to these revisions and are only required to annually submit information on changes in their inventory (e.g., chemicals added or deleted, changes in the quantities). To ensure that all information is consistent with the federal requirements, facilities which originally submitted inventories using the older forms should be required to submit the revised forms.

We hope this clarifies the situation. If you have any questions on this issue, please contact Ms. Mary Wesling, EPCRA/Risk Management Program Enforcement Coordinator, at (415) 744- 1636.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan W. Lau".

Nathan W. Lau, Chief
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U.S. EPA, Region 9

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