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## Notification Regarding Change of Federal Hazard Classes that are reported in CERS

Late last year, the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) sent businesses a notice regarding the change in federal hazard classes. These hazard classes help categorize chemicals and are submitted as part of the chemical inventory forms that are required for the Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMBP) program.

Please see the CalEPA fact sheet for more information on this change: <a href="https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/61/2017/12/Announcement.pdf">https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/61/2017/12/Announcement.pdf</a>

Due to the sudden nature of this notice, Contra Costa Health Services, Hazardous Materials Programs (CCHSHMP) has determined that all adequate submittals which are submitted for the purpose of the 2018 Annual HMBP submittal in the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS), which was due on March 1<sup>st</sup>, will be "Accepted", regardless of this change. The use of the new federal hazard classes will be assessed during the next Hazardous Materials Business Plan inspection of your facility. CCHSHMP will continue to ensure regulated businesses complete the chemical inventory component of the HMBP submittal adequately.

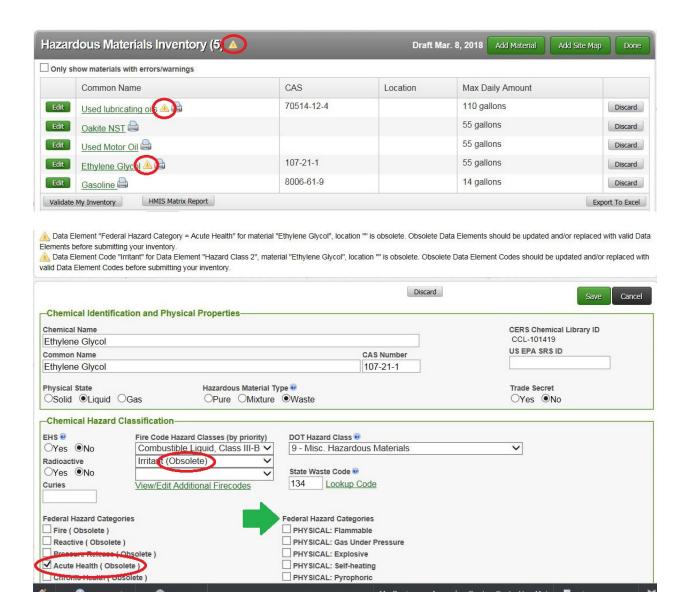
## What action must be taken?

When submitting your chemical inventory to CERS, the previous five (5) hazard classes must be unchecked for all inventory items and the appropriate hazard classes must be selected from the new twenty-four (24) Federal Hazard Classes. Appropriate hazard classes are determined using Section 2 of a current SDS (previously called an MSDS). CERS will display "Warning" alerts when a Hazardous Materials Inventory is submitted using the 5 obsolete federal hazard categories.

Also, ensure all obsolete fire hazard categories are also unselected. CERS will also display "Warning" alerts when these are selected.

Please see CERS fact sheet regarding changes in Fire Code hazard classes: <a href="https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/61/2017/04/obsolete-fire-hazard-categories\_HMBP.pdf">https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/61/2017/04/obsolete-fire-hazard-categories\_HMBP.pdf</a>





If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact CCHSHMP at (925) 335-3200.

