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Subject: Proposed Change Comment

Mrs. Garcia,

I am writing you regarding proposed changes to AB 1497, more specifically Public Resources Code 44004(h)(C) which states in pertinent part: The enforcement agency shall consider environmental justice issues when preparing and distributing the notice to ensure that the notice is concise and understandable for limited-English-speaking populations.

Any and all notices regarding environmental justice should be appropriately tailored to the specific community in which these issues arise. To accomplish this goal reference should be made to the Geographic Information System (GIS) to determine the percentage of non-English speaking populations. Based upon this information, aforesaid environmental justice issue notices should be distributed in the dominant language of the specific community in the broadest manner feasible.

One method that can be used is postings at all government owned locations; ie. the library, the park, the police station, etc... Additional areas for postings include area newspapers, citywide newspapers and on the internet. Furthermore, the local governments of all unincorporated areas/cities surrounding the community wherein the environmental justices issue arose should also be contacted. This can be done by informing the chief executive of these surrounding governments in writing. Other methods that can be employed is broadcasting the notice on local radio stations in the dominant language of the community, as well as on the local public access channel.

I hope that some if not all of these suggestions are implemented so that the public is fully informed and apprised of all relevant issues that concern them so that appropriate and correct measures are taken with the full participation of those they affect. Your anticipated consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,
Damien Cox