Legal Title
Hazardous Materials Enforcement and Training Account

Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 743, Statutes of 1992
Health and Safety Code sections 25514.5 and 25515.2
Penal Code section 14303

Purpose
The funds will be used to provide grants for education and training of district attorneys, public health officers, and others in the hazardous materials related fields. In addition, a portion will be used for grants for local prosecution projects related to toxics. These projects will be to discourage hazardous materials violations and encourage crime prevention, enforcement, and prosecution at the local level.

Funds will be divided equally between the Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training for the following:
1) Grants to California District Attorneys’ Association for training courses in state and local hazardous materials laws.
2) Training for peace officers in the detection of violations and apprehension of suspected violators.
3) Grants to local public health and environmental health officers for toxics and hazardous materials training.

The activities funded by this chapter will not be implemented until there is at least $100,000 in the account.

Administering Agency/Organization Code
Department of Toxic Substances Control/ Org 3960

Major Sources of Revenue
Civil and criminal penalties for hazardous materials violations.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 16306, absent language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment, shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Appropriation Authority
Moneys in this fund are available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

State Appropriations Limit
Always Excluded—Revenues in this special fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from penalties imposed on businesses who violate the Hazardous Material law.
Abolishement of Fund Effective 01/01/2003:
Chapter 1000, Statutes of 2002, transfers all unallocated funds in the Hazardous Materials Enforcement and Training Account to the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account (8013). In accordance with Section 14303 (d): “As of January 1, 2003, all unallocated funds in the Hazardous Materials Enforcement and Training Account created pursuant to Chapter 743, Statutes of 1992 that derive from court judgments specifying that the funds may only be used only for purposes of this title shall be transferred to the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account.”