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EXECUTIVE ORDER B-8981

WHEREAS, California's industries annually dispose of millions of tons of hazardous wastes in chemical landfills located throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, many of these wastes are highly toxic for extremely long periods of time and thus pose serious long-term threats to human health and our environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, it has been documented that there are many proven technologies which can be safely used to reduce, recycle, treat and destroy approximately 75% of all the hazardous wastes now deposited in the State's Class I and Class II-I landfills; and

WHEREAS, decisive State action can eliminate the dangers resulting from continued land disposal of toxic wastes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor of the State of California, pursuant to the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby issue this Executive Order to become effective immediately:

1. It is the policy of the State of California to immediately reduce our dependence on chemical landfills for the disposal of untreated toxic wastes and to encourage the construction of new advanced waste management facilities for the recycling, treatment and permanent destruction of toxic wastes.
2. To implement the policy set forth in (1) above, the Department of Health Services is directed to take the following actions:
 - a. exercise its existing regulatory authority, including but not limited to the powers conferred by Health and Safety Code Sections 25150 and 25155, to prohibit the land disposal of highly toxic wastes;

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- b. exercise its existing regulatory authority, including but not limited to the powers conferred by Health and Safety Code Section 25174, to impose higher fees on the land disposal of high-priority, extremely hazardous toxic wastes, until such time as land disposal is banned for these wastes.
- c. increase monitoring and enforcement inspections at all hazardous waste disposal sites;
- d. encourage the construction of new advanced waste treatment facilities for the recycling, treatment and destruction of hazardous wastes, including streamlining of state permit processes where appropriate;
- e. actively involve citizens in the State's hazardous waste management program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this ~~1981~~ day of October, A.D. nineteen hundred and eighty-one.


Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

March Fong Eu
Secretary of State

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