



RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES  
OF CALIFORNIA

March 22, 2023

The Honorable Gregg Hart  
Member, California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room 6230  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1045 – Support  
As Amended March 2, 2023**

Dear Assembly Member Hart:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), we are pleased to support your Assembly Bill 1045, regarding hazardous waste facility and response notifications. RCRC is an association of forty rural California counties and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from each of those member counties.

Assembly Bill 1045 provides local agencies and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) with additional flexibility when publishing notices of various actions regarding proposed hazardous waste facilities and hazardous waste response actions. Current law requires local agencies and DTSC to publish those notices in a newspaper of general circulation in the area impacted by the project; however, we recognize that this may no longer be the best format to communicate these messages. AB 1045 allows those notices to instead be provided by any other reasonable means, including online version of newspapers, community bulletin boards, digital platforms, etc. Rather than creating additional notification obligations, AB 1045 provides flexibility and could result in even greater public awareness of these projects.

For these reasons, RCRC is pleased to support your AB 1045. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jkennedy@rcrcnet.org](mailto:jkennedy@rcrcnet.org).

Sincerely,

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