



Extended Producer Responsibility Compliance Unit Overview

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EPRC Presentation Overview

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EPR laws establish stewardship organizations who develop plans and organize manufacturers and regulated stakeholders to comply with the law.

California Carpet Stewardship Program Public Resources Code (PRC) 42970 (AB 2398 Perez 2010)
Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE) serves as the carpet stewardship organization.

Architectural Paint Recovery Program PRC 48700 (AB 1343 Huffman 2010)
The Architectural Coatings Association helped create the stewardship organization PaintCare.

Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act PRC 42985 (SB 254 Hancock 2013)
The International Sleep Products Association (ISPA) helped create the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC).

EPR Enforcement Overview

Oversight roles of EPR programs are a shared responsibilities between CalRecycle's technical assistance branch and the enforcement branch.

EPR enforcement activities ensure:

- a level playing field between all regulated entities, and
- a funding of the program via assessments.

Regulated entities include several groups such as:

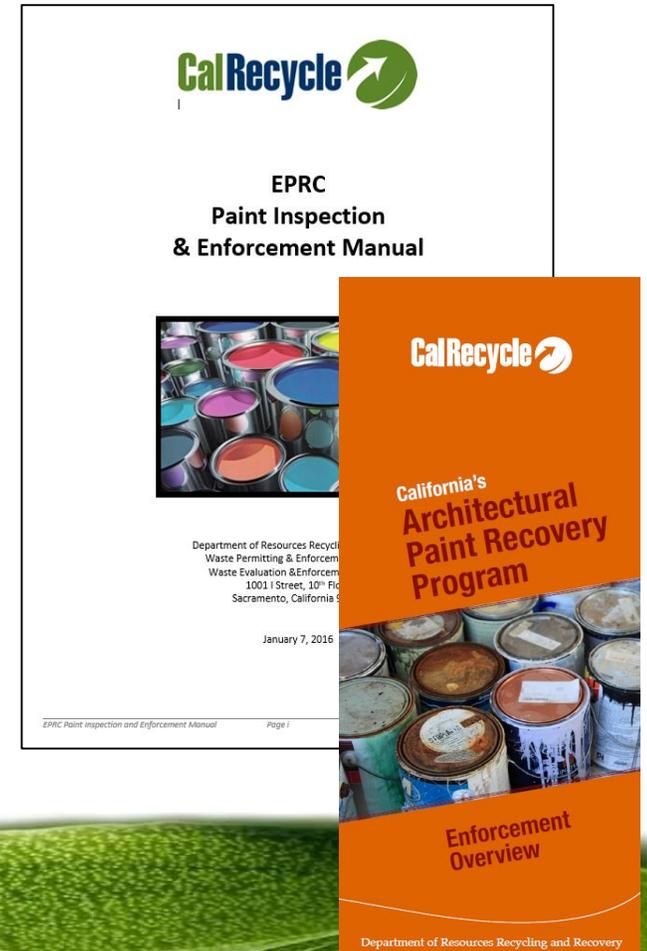
- retailers, manufacturers, processors, and the stewardship organizations.

California's ERPC unit is the only enforcement team in the field in the nation.

EPRC Start-Up Accomplishments

Within just over a year, the EPRC Unit has developed and implemented a comprehensive EPR inspection program.

- Documented protocols and procedures manuals
- Developed enforcement monitoring and analysis tools
- Created a GIS database to track regulated entities
- Established outreach materials and coordination activities with both corporate and governmental stakeholders
- Established methodology to identify 10K+ regulated entities



EPRC Inspection Results

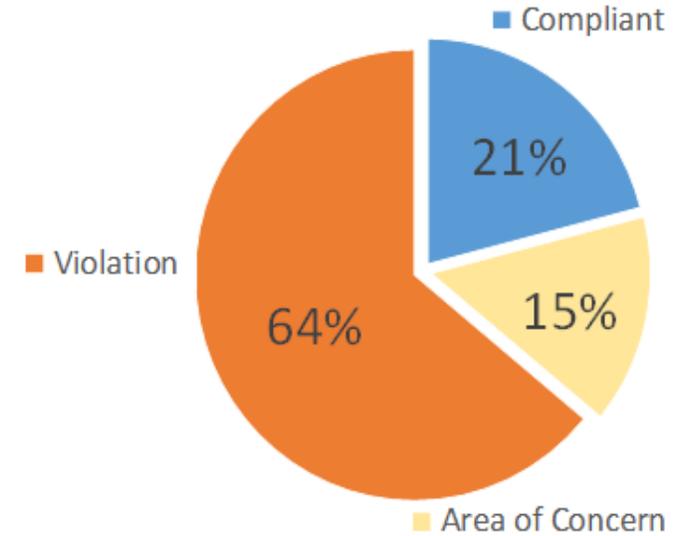
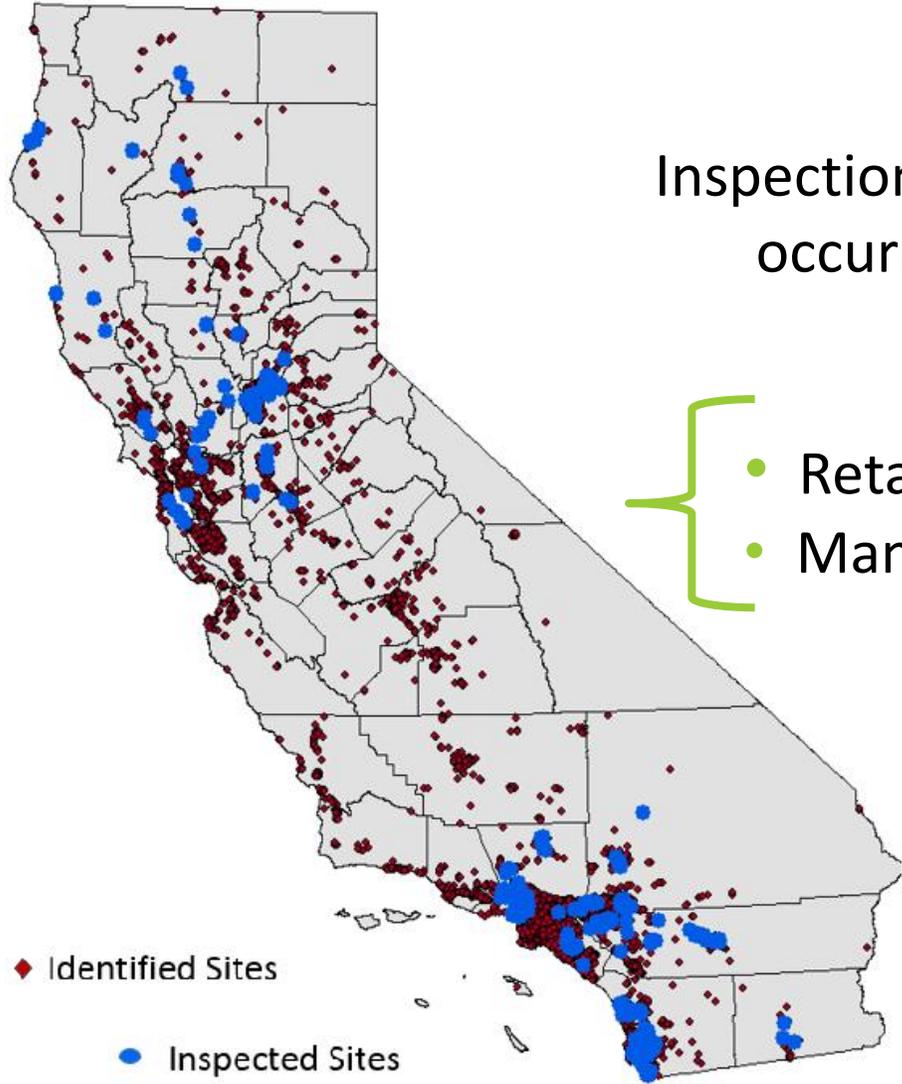
To date, EPRC field staff have conducted over 900 statewide inspections.

- ✓ 390 Carpet Retailers and Manufacturers
- ✓ 250 Paint Retailers and Manufacturers
- ✓ 230 Mattress Regulated Entities

Enforcement activities are 'progressive' and include educational outreach. Noncompliant entities can be subject to penalties of up to \$10,000/violation/day (depending on the program).

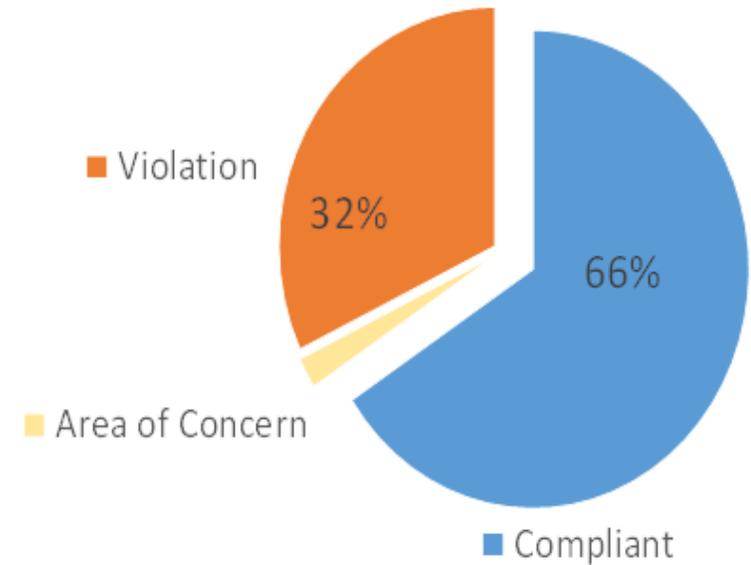
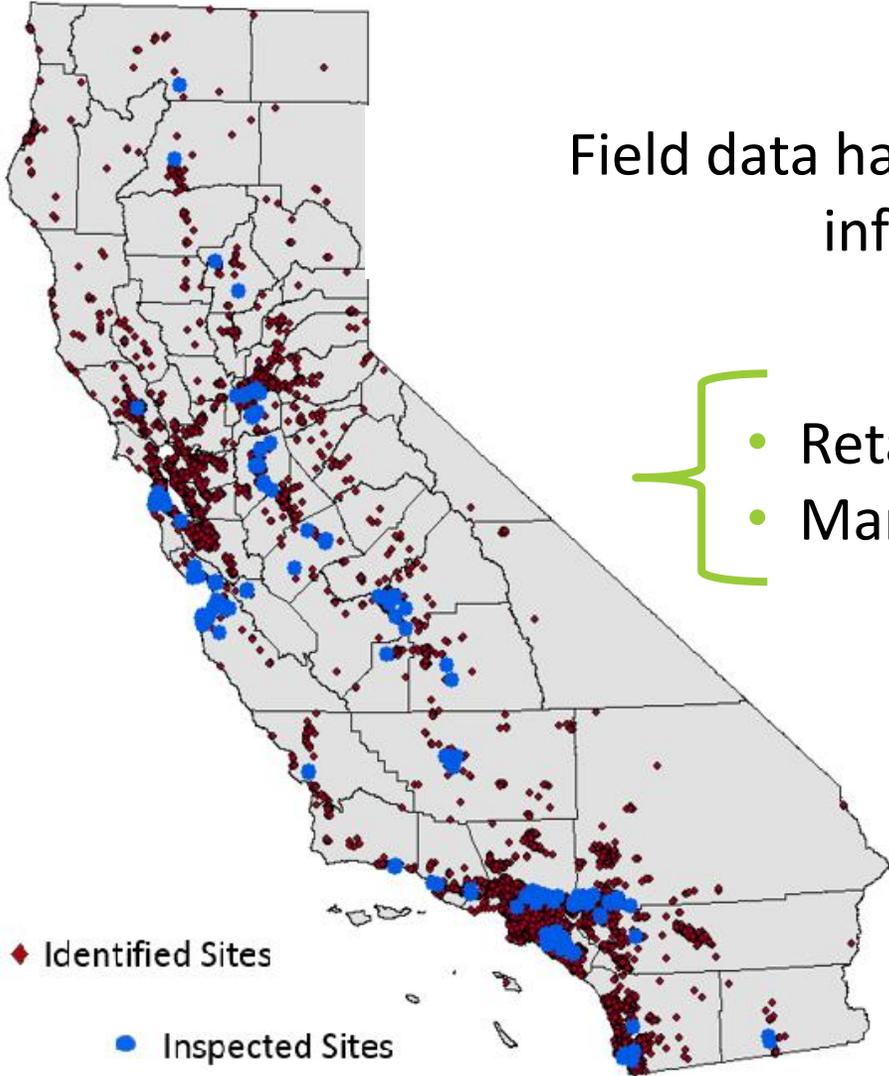
EPRC Inspection Results Carpet Stewardship Program

Inspections conducted in all California regions have revealed that occurrences of violations are consistent throughout the State



EPRC Inspection Results Paint Stewardship Program

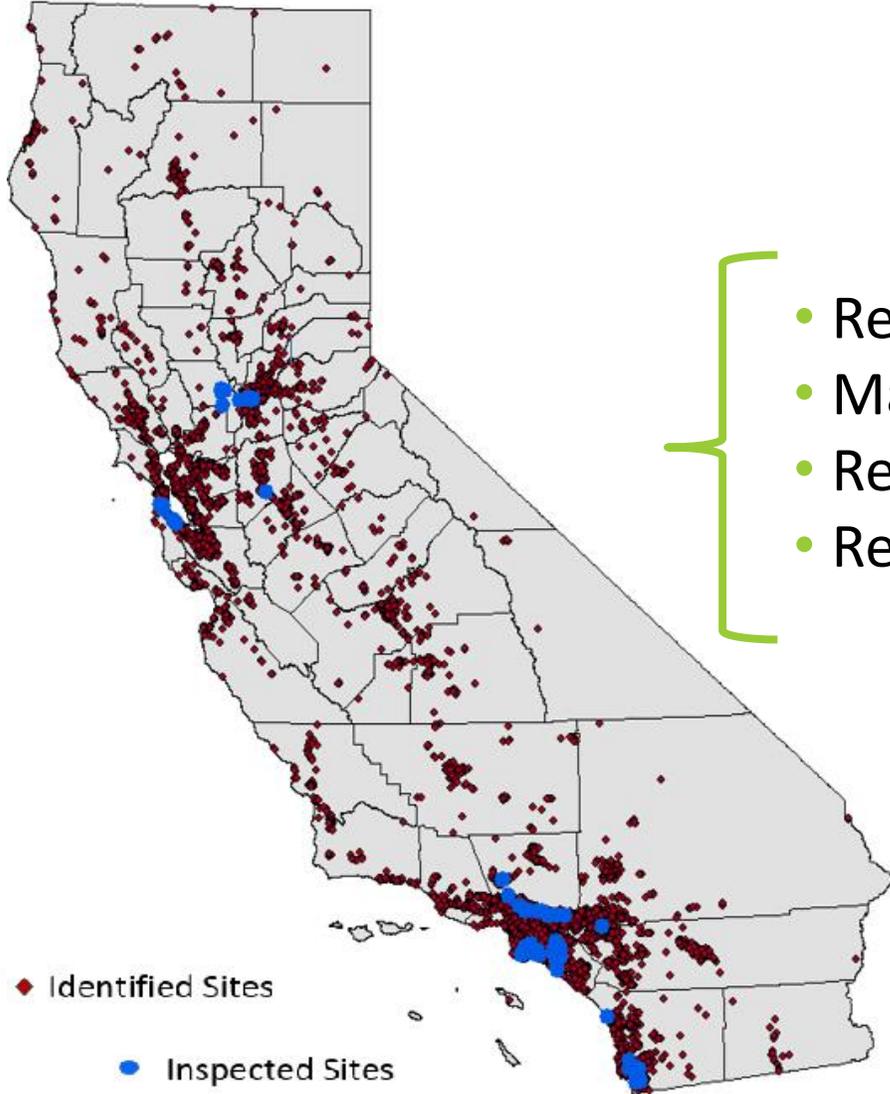
Field data have identified differences in program operations that have informed program analysis and validation of annual reports.



EPRC Inspection Results

Mattress Stewardship Program

Inspection efforts have focused on educational outreach within the first quarter.



- Retailers
- Manufacturers
- Renovators
- Recyclers

Preliminary field visits have identified industry segments

- not yet informed about the law, and
- not yet informed about stewardship.

Field inspections uncover manufacturers and regulated entities not registered with the stewardship organizations.

Staff's efforts have identified and worked to bring into compliance entities in each program throughout the state.

- 5 Carpet manufacturers
- 15 Paint manufacturers
- 10 Mattress manufacturers

Over 30 additional entities are now contributing assessments to program funds.

EPRC will continue to develop and refine our enforcement field presence in the upcoming years with various program elements.

- Develop multi-lingual outreach materials
- Further develop enforcement penalties
- Enhance EPRC online resources
- Consider infield online inspection tools
- Continue to provide field data to support the Department's program review

EPR compliance questions can be emailed to the following program specific inboxes:

- PaintEnforcement@calrecycle.ca.gov
- CarpetEnforcement@calrecycle.ca.gov
- MattressEnforcement@calrecycle.ca.gov

Subscribe to CalRecycle's EPR ListServes at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Listservs/> for general EPR updates, under each of the following names:

- Paint Product Stewardship
- Carpet Product Stewardship
- Mattress Product Stewardship