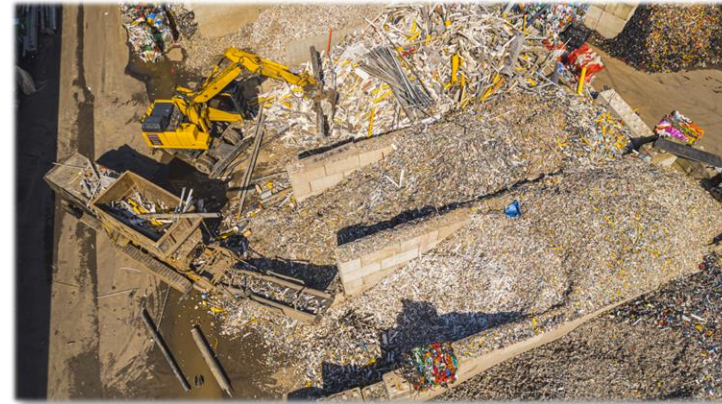


SB 811 (Allen) - Hazardous materials: metal shredding facilities



SB 811 - A New Standard for Metal Shredding

- ▶ Prohibits an owner or operator of any metal shredding facility in California from operating without a DTSC-issued permit.
- ▶ Moves shredders out of general hazardous waste rules into a system built specifically for their unique operational risks.
- ▶ Existing sites can only stay open while waiting for a permit if they implement strict Fire Prevention Plans and waste pile limits.
- ▶ Effective January 1, 2027



Protecting Local Authority & Public Health

- ▶ Air Districts, CUPAs, and Local Health Departments keep **100%** of their authority to regulate emissions and health impacts.
- ▶ Before issuing a permit, DTSC **must** determine the facility doesn't cause disproportionate or discriminatory impacts on local communities.
- ▶ DTSC can add "custom" safety requirements to any permit to address unique local neighborhood risks.



Community Right-to-Know & Emergency Response

- ▶ Applicants must hold community meetings **before** applying for a permit to hear neighbor concerns.
- ▶ Facilities must give **immediate notice** to DTSC of any fire or incident requiring first responders.
- ▶ Facilities are required to establish a system to notify the surrounding community during any event that threatens public health.



Defining Waste & Ensuring Accountability

- ▶ Any shredder dust or material that blows past the fence line or spills during transport is automatically regulated as **Hazardous Waste**.
- ▶ Properly managed scrap metal and recyclable non-metallics are exempt from hazardous waste labels to encourage the circular economy.
- ▶ DTSC holds the authority to revoke, deny, or suspend permits for non-compliance.



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Legislative Summary / Findings
SB 811 (Caballero) – As Amended on January 22, 2026
Hazardous Materials Metal Shredding Facilities

Summary: SB 811 would prohibit a metal shredding facility from operating in California unless the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) first issues a permit. This bill would determine that permitted metal shredding facilities are not hazardous waste facilities. This bill would require DTSC to determine that an applicant facility does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment and will not cause disproportionate and potentially discriminatory effects on local communities. This bill would further provide a way for existing metal shredding facilities to operate pending final action on a DTSC permit application. This bill would allow DTSC to adopt regulations as necessary to implement SB 811 and additional regulations relating to imposing fees on metal shredding facilities.

Commission Recommendation: None.

CEO Legislative Affairs Findings: SB 811 would establish a new crime and impose fees; therefore, a Board-adopted motion is required to take an advocacy position.

There are Board-adopted policies to support proposals that:

- Promote the Green Transition, and sustainability in programs, projects, and technologies; and,
- Promote projects and proposals that reduce environmental pollutants, improve air quality, and reduce reliance on source pollutants.
- Address, correct and/or remedy past public policy which produced or sustained racial inequities.

There are Board-adopted policies to oppose proposals that infringe upon the Board's decision-making or land-use authority.

Bill Status: SB 811 is pending referral to a committee in the Assembly.