



Environmental Enforcement Workshop
Trans-boundary Import/Exports
Compliance and Enforcement

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Hazardous Materials Ports of Entry

- o Land

- o Hazardous Materials are allowed to come north thru 2 Ports of Entry:

- o Otay Mesa in San Diego County

- o Calexico in Imperial County

- o Air

- o San Diego International Airport



Air entries



- o San Diego International Airport
 - o CBP has officers in the airport to inspect hazmat shipments.
 - o If the officers are concerned with an entry, they will call the CBP HazMat specialists in Otay Mesa.
 - o Air carriers tend to be very conservative about the HazMat that they allow on their airplanes.



Land Entries

o Northbound Inspections

o Otay Mesa Port of Entry

o Open Tuesday – Friday

o DTSC inspects Tuesday & Friday

o San Diego County inspects Wednesday & Thursday

o Calexico Port of Entry

o Open Friday from 7 am – 11 am

o DTSC conducts the inspections

Government agencies present at the Port of Entry



Northbound Inspections

- o DTSC/San Diego County purpose at the POE
 - o To verify that all hazardous waste that is imported into California from Mexico is properly managed in accordance with the State of California laws and regulations

Northbound Inspections

- o What are we inspecting?
 - o Hazardous Materials
 - o Storage
 - o Paperwork
 - o Does it look like waste?
 - o Hazardous Waste
 - o Profile
 - o Disposal Site
 - o Manifest

Northbound Inspections



Northbound Inspections

- o Type of Waste that come north
 - o RCRA Waste
 - o NonRCRA (California only) waste
 - o Scrap Metal
 - o Excluded Recyclable Materials
 - o Universal Waste
 - o Electronic Waste



Northbound Inspections

- o Laws and Regulations
 - o Code of Federal Regulations – Title 40
 - o California Code of Regulations – Title 22
 - o California Health and Safety Code

Northbound Inspections

- o Otay Mesa

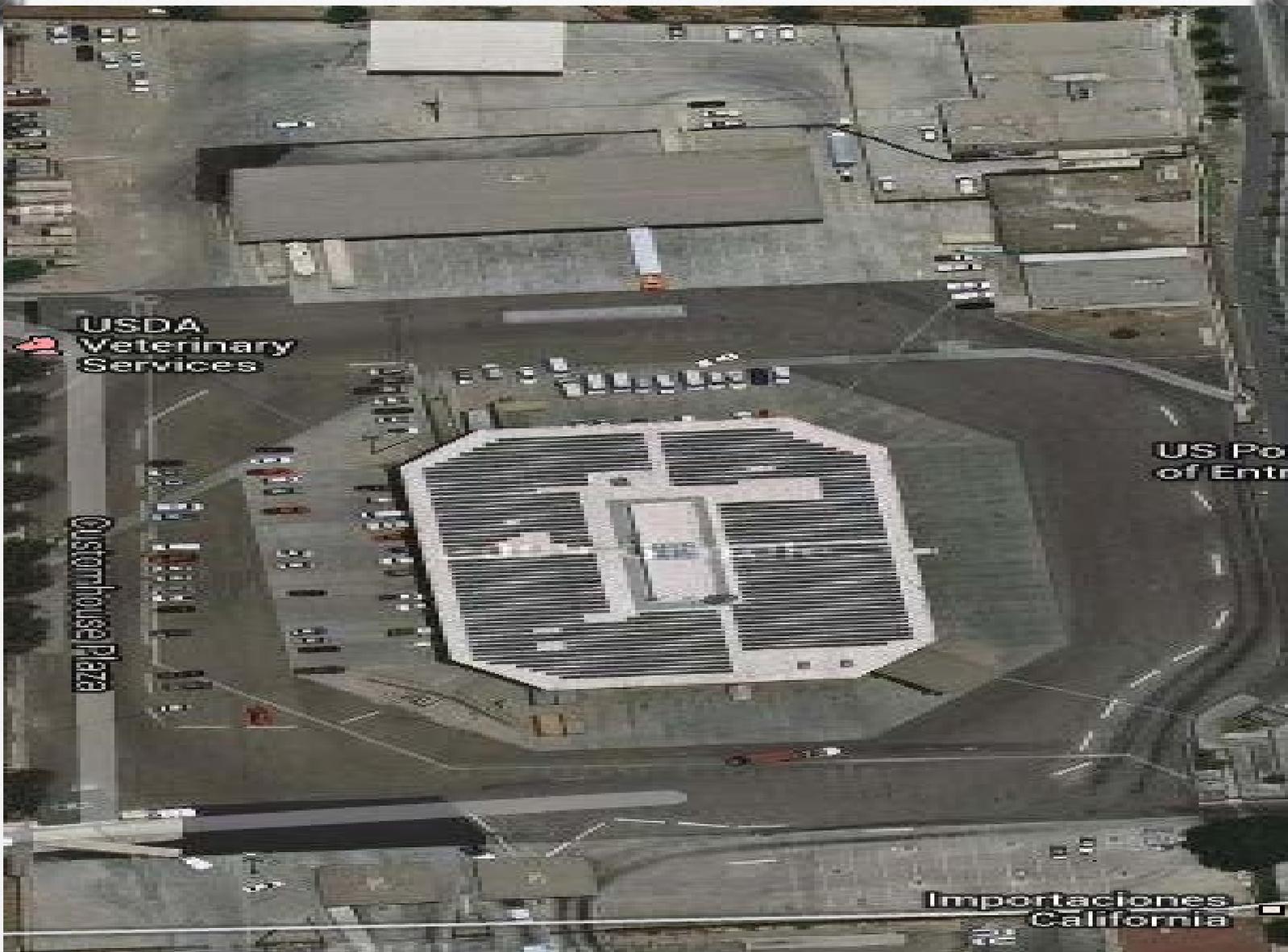
- o A total of 15-20 trucks arrive at the Port of Entry daily
- o Of those 5 - 10 carry waste

- o Calexico

- o About 20 trucks arrive every Friday
- o Of those 4 - 5 carry waste

Northbound Inspections

- o Procedures for entry to the US at Otay Mesa
 - o Business turns in Entry Paperwork to CBP 24 hours before shipment arrives at the POE.
 - o CBP reviews paperwork and requests more information on a case by case basis
 - o 7 am - CBP allows entry to all trucks
 - o Trucks drive thru the Radiation Portal Monitor
 - o Trucks are aired out for at least 1 hour



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Northbound Inspections

- o Procedures for entry to the US
 - o DTSC/SD County review all paperwork for the trucks that have arrived
 - o Physical Inspection of the shipments are conducted
 - o Shipments are unloaded if we think it is necessary

Northbound Inspections



Northbound Inspections

- o Enforcement
 - o Enforcement action is taken if we observe violation in State regulations
 - o Notice of Violation is issued and enforcement action is started
- o There is currently 3 enforcement cases

Northbound Inspections

o Trends

- o A lot less waste is coming to the US for disposal
- o Mexico has TSDF's that can accept a lot of the waste that is generated in the border cities.

Southbound Inspections

- o Not currently being conducted
 - o Draft inspection policy in the works between DTSC/SD County and CBP

Questions????

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