



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

SCADA-Sponsored Legislation Signed Into Law

SCADA's commitment to building partnerships and working collaboratively with interested stakeholders has again helped in accomplishing some very important outcomes for the industry. This time it resulted in SCADA's sponsored bill, AB 805 (Fuentes), being approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

AB 805 will insure that persons procuring a license to operate an auto dismantler business in California meet very important requirements relating to environmental protection and payment of taxes.

Current law requires that the information listed below is included in an application for a dismantler's license. Ironically, current law also precluded DMV from verifying whether the information provided on these items in the application is accurate. AB 805 will simply close this loophole and require DMV to investigate within the department's statutory 120-day application review period that the applicant has the required permits, numbers and plan:

- 1) Board of Equalization resale permit
- 2) State EPA number
- 3) Storm water permit
- 4) Hazardous materials business plan
- 5) Tax identification number assigned by the Franchise Tax Board

A more complete review of the application will result in improved environmental protection and the proper collection of taxes that are due the state and local agencies. It will also help to achieve a higher level of compliance, remove incentives for non-compliance and achieve a level the playing field for those that comply.

The need for the legislation became apparent when SCADA learned that less than half of the approximately 1400 licensed auto dismantlers in California have a valid storm water permit as required by law.

SCADA partnered with the state's environmental justice community, DMV, DTSC and Cal-EPA on the legislation. SCADA also had a great author of the bill in Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes (D-Los Angeles). The Assemblyman and his staff did an outstanding job of working closely with SCADA and other supporters to insure the bill made it through the legislature and was signed into law by the Governor.

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