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RE: No Drugs Down the Drain! Campaign

Dear Wastewater Professional:

The California Clean Water Summit Partners and the technical advisory committee Tri-TAC would like to invite you and your agency to join in a statewide campaign to educate residents about the proper disposal of unwanted pharmaceuticals and provide them with easy alternatives to disposing of them down the drain.

Our campaign, “No Drugs Down the Drain!” scheduled for October 4-11, 2008, will involve agencies and organizations throughout the state, as well as state and federal partners such as the State Water Resources Control Board and US EPA Region 9. We hope you will participate, too!

Recent studies reporting pharmaceutical compounds in the environment highlight the need for alternatives to flushing unwanted medication. By providing residents with these alternatives, we can immediately tackle one of the sources of pharmaceuticals in the environment.

There are many ways to participate in the “No Drugs Down the Drain!” campaign, such as:

- Conduct and promote a pharmaceutical take-back event in your local area.
- Promote proper disposal options.
- Educate residents to never flush drugs down the drain.
- Assist with coordination, outreach, funding or in-kind services such as graphic design, pharmacist volunteers, event space and advertising.
- Become a partner on [www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org](http://www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org)

For further information on the issue and the campaign, please find the attached campaign summary and frequently asked questions. You may also visit our website, [www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org](http://www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org). You can sign up to participate via our website, or send an email to statewidecampaign@nodrugsdownthedrain.org.
Sincerely,

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