STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION
Because spent fluorescent light tubes and HID lamps are hazardous wastes, they need to be properly labeled as such if stored on site. If storage is to be greater than 90 days, a Department permit or variance is required. Although use of a manifest and registered hauler is typically required for hazardous waste transportation, if a generator is transporting fluorescent tubes to an authorized fluorescent tube recycler they are only required to list the waste on a Bill of Lading and do not require a registered hauler. These conditions apply only to generators sending spent fluorescent tubes to an authorized recycler and not for spent tubes destined for land disposal. The tubes must be intact, not crushed, and preferably shipped in the containers in which the new lamps came. The generator should contact the recycler for any further specific requirements. Shipment of spent HID lamps and PCB-containing ballasts to an authorized treatment, storage or disposal (TSD) facility requires manifesting and transporting by a registered hazardous waste hauler. Further questions regarding shipping can be directed to the Department’s Transportation Unit at (916) 323-3219.

FUTURE DIRECTION
The Department plans to continue efforts to encourage recycling of lighting wastes within California. Future efforts will include increasing spent fluorescent tube recycling capacity as well as establishing HID lamp recycling facilities. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Department at (916) 322-3670.

Fluorescent Tube Recyclers

Lighting Resources, Inc.
*805 E. Francis Street
Ontario, CA 91761
(909) 923-7252
Contact: John Chilcott

Mercury Recovery Services
2021 South Myrtle
Monrovia, CA 91016
(818) 301-1372
Contact: Bob Roberts

Mercury Technologies, Inc.
30577 Bantwood Avenue
Hayward, CA 94544
(510) 429-1120
Contact: Paul Abernathy

Allied Environmental Technology
47375 Fremont Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94538
(510) 490-9686
Contact: Fred Bryant

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Department of Toxic Substances Control
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, CA 95812-0806