Environmental Protection and Pollution Prevention
Midterm Study Guide

1. What is an administrative agency?

2. Name some state and federal administrative agencies with environmental responsibilities.

3. How are administrative agencies created?

4. Briefly describe the powers of administrative agencies.

5. What is the difference between a law and a regulation?

6. Describe the rule making process of administrative agencies.

7. What is the role of the public in the rulemaking process? How is the public able to effectively comment on proposed rulemaking?

8. Describe limitations on agency powers exerted by the three branches of government.

9. What does “promulgate” mean?

10. Describe the Administrative Procedures Act. What does it govern?

11. Regarding the environmental agencies that we have covered in class, be aware of what each of them do. I suggest that you prepare a sound bite for each agency, so that you will have a quick two or three sentence response when a friend says: “I’ve never even heard of the DTSC, what is that?” Also, be able to describe the primary programs of each of the agencies that we have studied. Note that this is different than merely listing the programs; it is a program list with brief descriptions. As you know, the agencies that we have studied so far include:
   a. Cal/EPA
   b. CIWMB
   c. DTSC
   d. SWRCB
   e. RWQCB
   f. OEHHA
   g. Department of Pesticide Regulation

12. What was your favorite presentation at the PCL symposium? Why?