

## Cal/OSHA Fact Sheet – July 2003

### Staffing issue

<b>Category</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>March 1994</b>	<b>Nov 2001</b>	<b>July 2003</b>
Civilian Labor Force	11,607,000	15,404,900	17,285,600	17,607,700 (March 2003)
Number of workplaces	500,400	877,629	1,075,523	1,062,775 (March 2003)
Federal OSHA benchmark	805 inspectors	198 inspectors*	198 inspectors*	198 inspectors*
Actual number of DOSH field inspectors	Not available	186 inspectors	200.5 inspectors	182 inspectors
Ratio: inspector to workers	1 inspector : 14,419 workers (benchmark)	1 inspector: 82,822 workers	1 inspector: 86,212 workers	1 inspector: 96,746 workers
Ratio: inspector to workplace	1 inspector: 622 worksites (benchmark)	1 inspector: 4,718 worksites	1 inspector: 5,364 worksites	1 inspector: 5,839 worksites

\* = Federal OSHA approved a Cal/OSHA proposal to reduce the staffing benchmarks to 198 compliance officers from 805 officers. (Federal Register, 59:14584-14586, March 29, 1994.)

If the 1980 Federal OSHA benchmark ratios were applied in 2003, Cal/OSHA should have between 1,174 and 1,635 inspectors for ratios of 1 inspector to 15,000 workers and 625 workplaces. The agency had 182 inspectors actually at work in the field in July 2003.

In April 2003, California had 20% more Fish & Game Wardens than workplace health and safety inspectors – 227 wardens v. 182 inspectors.

### **Comparison in November 2001**

<b>Category</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>Oregon</b>	<b>Washington State</b>	<b>British Columbia</b>
Total civilian workforce	17.2 million	1.78 million	2.55 million	1.92 million
Number of workplaces	1.07 million	99,183	217,516	170,000
Number of field inspectors	200.5	80	118	201
Ratio: inspector to worker	1 inspector for 86,212 workers	1 inspector for 22,286 workers	1 inspector for 21,655 workers	1 inspector for 9,549 workers
Ratio: inspector to workplace	1 inspector for 5,364 worksites	1 inspector for 1,239 worksites	1 inspector for 1,834 worksites	1 inspector for 845 worksites