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# COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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## CALARP PROGRAM UPDATE



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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program facilities that the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) has conducted a program review and will be implementing changes focused on increased efficiency and cost recovery.

### UPDATED RMP GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

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To increase program efficiency, EMD has modified the Risk Management Plan Guidance Document that describes the required level of documentation for an RMP to comply with the regulations.

The updated EMD Risk Management Plan Guidance Document is available at <http://www.emd.saccounty.net/EnvComp/HM/CalARP.html>.

### UPCOMING BULLETINS

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In the coming months, a series of CalARP Compliance Assistance Bulletins will be sent to help facilities avoid common violations and enforcement action.

## ***CALARP BILLING CHANGES***

Similar to other Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) in California, EMD is an entirely fee supported department and does not receive any General Fund revenue. This means that costs incurred to implement State-mandated regulatory programs must be recovered from fees.

Starting July 1, 2012, any time spent implementing the CalARP Program that exceeds the allotted time covered by the annual permit fee (Sacramento County Code Section 6.99.180) will be billed to the facility at EMD's hourly rate, including:

### INSPECTIONS

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The triennial inspection for a well maintained and organized facility does not typically exceed the time allotted by the annual permit fee. However, facilities generally do exceed the time allotted by the annual permit fee if they are:

- √ Unusually complex
- √ Do not appropriately implement the CalARP Program
- √ Fail to adequately maintain their covered processes

### INITIAL PLAN REVIEW

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Each facility pays a one-time fee for the EMD plan review of the initial Risk Management Plan (RMP). Normally the fee is enough to cover the review time but not for those that are unusually complex or with uncommon considerations.

### UPDATE PLAN REVIEW

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Facilities are required to review, update, and resubmit their RMP to EMD at least once every 5 years or any time certain process changes occur (as described in the California Code of Regulations, Title 19, §2745.10). The review of these updates is not included in the annual permit fee.