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Welcome to the September 2009 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of August 2009. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and/or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.

Highlights

- *Staff Determines Source Of Childhood Lead Poisoning*
- *EHD Staff Interviewed At California State Fair*
- *EMD Holds Stormwater Workshops*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EMD Staff Determines Source Of Lead Poisoning

A child with extremely high blood lead levels was admitted to the UCD Medical Center and physicians were hesitant in releasing the child to go home until the source of the lead poisoning was determined and eliminated. While representatives from the EMD Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) suspected home remedies as the cause, the child's mother denied their use. Environmental Specialist (ES) Toua Yang, acting as an interpreter, determined the source of the lead poisoning as a home remedy (Pay-loo-ah) containing 80-90 percent lead and convinced the mother to discontinue its use, thereby potentially saving the life of the child.

U-Haul of California

The Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) will participate in the settlement for its contribution to the successful completion of a statewide enforcement action against U-Haul of California.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Food Safety At Schools

EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez and Supervising ES Kelly McCoy were interviewed by reporters from the *Sacramento Bee* for a story on food safety and placard inspections for schools located within Sacramento County.

Food Inspections At State Fair

ESs Sonia Lee and Jason Smalley were interviewed by reporters from local TV stations regarding 170 food safety inspections performed at the California State Fair. Supervising ES Kelly McCoy joined Sonia and Jason and 12 other ESs in conducting the food inspections.

Non-Compliance of Public Pools

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza was interviewed by a reporter from KCRA TV Channel 13 for a segment on non-compliance of public pools with the Federal Pool Safety Act.

Underground Storage Tank (UST) Corrective Action Enforcement

Supervising ES Barry Marcus provided background information on the upcoming EMD UST Corrective Action Enforcement Program during an interview with Robert Lewis of the *Sacramento Bee* for an upcoming story.

EMD PHOTO CONTEST

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EMD recently completed a Hallway Art Photo Contest wherein staff was encouraged to submit photos. Over 80 photos were received and staff members voted for their forty favorite photos. Environmental Specialist (ES) Jeni VanDusen took this winning photo while she was scuba diving on a 2005 trip to Puerto Galera, Philippines. Jeni notes that the fish is a green mandarin which is only seen during dusk; they usually hide in the coral during the day.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Seven FSE classes were conducted in August with 82 participants representing 26 facilities. Three classes were conducted in English; two classes were conducted in Spanish; one class was conducted in Vietnamese and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with nine businesses in attendance.

Stormwater Workshops

Two major stormwater workshops were held—one focused on the automotive industry and the other focused on general permit sites. Twenty facilities attended the automotive session and 38 facilities were present at the general permit workshop. Supervising ES Anthony Chu and ESs Sean Daneluk, John Lewis and Sharon Merker hosted the workshops.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

EMD Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ES Sonia Lee met with members of the EMD Food Industry Working Group and the Pacific Rim Culinary Committee to discuss legislation impacting the food industry, menu labeling and the H1N1 flu virus.

Golden State Water Company

ES Chris Hunley met with Mark Johnson of the Golden State Water Company to perform a cross connection control survey of the Gold River community right of way and Manor Homes distribution system.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support to the August meeting of the SEC. Herb Niederberger, Division Chief, Sacramento County Department of Water Resources, shared information about the Department's present building projects and future plans for new water supplies for Sacramento County residents. Bob Williamson, Senior Project Architect for the City of Elk Grove, presented information on the City plans for a household hazardous waster collection site and program. Dr. Desiree Backman, Deputy Director of the Sacramento Tree Foundation, provided information on our urban tree canopy. Dave Brent, Utilities Engineering Manager, City of Sacramento, closed the meeting with an update on the progress of the Water Meter Implementation Plan.

Multi-Family Recycling Program

Information Technology (IT) staff completed the inventory process necessary for the September implementation of inspections for the multi-family recycling program.

SPECIAL PROJECTSTablet Computers

IT staff continued to prepare for computer tablet usage for business recycling field inspections.

California Department of Public Health

ES Cheryl Hawkins hosted staff from the California Department of Public Health as they completed an evaluation of EMD's Small Water System program.

EMPLOYEE TRAININGFood And Drug Administration (FDA) Training

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ESs Sonia Lee and Kari Wagner received scholarship monies from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in order to attend the FDA Pacific Region Food Safety Conference. Staff received up to date information on food safety and environmental health at the Conference.

Sacramento Area Water Works Association

Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ES Chris Hunley attended training on security for water system presented by the Sacramento Area Water Works Association.

Personal Safety Training

ESs Lea Gibson, Eric Haupt, Victoria Krohn, Charley Langer, John Lewis, Justin Ross, Mary Ellen Oetzel, Alicia Scott and Susan Williams attended personal safety training titled, "Fight, Flight or Comply" hosted by the Air Resources Board of the California Environmental Protection Agency. Staff was trained on how to recognize and respond to physiological signs displayed by others during confrontational situations as they relate to enforcement activities.

Alternative Waste Disposal Technology

ES Eric Haupt attended training on alternative waste disposal technology presented by the California On-site Wastewater Association.

PERSONNELPromotions

Janet Martin was promoted to an ES II in EHD.

AUGUST 2009 BY THE NUMBERS

| | | August 2009 | To Date FY 2009-10 |
|-----|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | <u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u> | | |
| | A. Green – Pass | 254 | 373 |
| | B. Yellow – Conditional Pass | 25 | 34 |
| | C. Red – Closed | 4 | 6 |
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| | <u>Inspections</u> | | |
| 1. | Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events) | 418 | 698 |
| 2. | Farm Labor Camps | 1 | 25 |
| 3. | Public Swimming Pools/Spas | 1,051 | 2,220 |
| 4. | Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations) | 13 | 33 |
| 5. | Liquid Waste | 18 | 36 |
| 6. | Medical Waste | 8 | 14 |
| 7. | Small Water Systems | 3 | 9 |
| 8. | Wells | 92 | 178 |
| 9. | Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal | 48 | 82 |
| 10. | Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste | 84 | 180 |
| 11. | Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials | 114 | 257 |
| 12. | Underground Storage Tank Facilities | 39 | 85 |
| 13. | Storm Water | 98 | 161 |
| 14. | Waste Tire | 97 | 220 |
| 15. | Tobacco Retailer | 6 | 7 |
| 16. | Commercial Recycling | <u>197</u> | <u>312</u> |
| | Total | 2,287 | 4,517 |
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| | <u>Investigations</u> | | |
| 1. | Consumer Complaints | 71 | 159 |
| 2. | Food Borne Illness | 13 | 27 |
| 3. | Incident Response | 39 | 83 |
| 4. | Storm Water | 6 | 18 |
| 5. | Waste Tire | 11 | 11 |
| 6. | Childhood Lead | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | Total | 141 | 300 |
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| | <u>Class Attendance</u> | | |
| 1. | Food Safety Education (Food School) | 82 | 126 |
| 2. | Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop | 9 | 14 |
| 3. | “How To Get A Green” Workshop | <u>0</u> | <u>1</u> |
| | Total | 91 | 141 |
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| | <u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u> | | |
| 1. | Hazardous Materials Business Plans | 359 | 855 |
| 2. | Monitoring Wells | 62 | 96 |
| 3. | Food Facilities | 57 | 139 |
| 4. | Public Swimming Pools/Spas | 57 | 111 |
| 5. | Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs | 13 | 33 |
| 6. | Land Use | 4 | 7 |
| 7. | Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags) | <u>1,897</u> | <u>4,349</u> |
| | Total | 2,449 | 5,590 |
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| | <u>Information Management</u> | | |
| 1. | Documents Imaged | 12,136 | 23,951 |
| 2. | Public Record Reviews | <u>16</u> | <u>38</u> |
| | Total | 12,152 | 23,989 |