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Highlights

- **Watch What You Eat**
- **HazMat Proposing Fine Rebates**
- **New Tobacco Retailer Compliance Assistance Bulletin**
- **EMD Hosts Japanese Delegation**

Welcome to the January 2005 EMD Update. This issue contains process improvements, collaboration, training, outreach and workshops that occurred in December 2004.

Please feel free to forward comments, questions and suggestions to June Livingston at (916) 875-8491 or LivingstonJ@SacCounty.net

December 2004 Summary By The Numbers

- 1,536 Inspections Completed in December
- 17,475 Inspections Completed, year to date
- 300,841 Documents Imaged, year to date

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Watch What You Eat

KMAX UPN Channel 31 News Reporter Naj Alikahn is conducting feature segments entitled "Watch What You Eat" during the *Good Day Sacramento* telecast on Monday mornings at 9:15 a.m. For each segment the reporter reviews the County online food inspection reports and then highlights restaurant sanitation at two facilities, one with excellent compliance and one with poor compliance. On December 30, 2004, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief Richard Sanchez and Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston were interviewed for an upcoming story regarding the Food Protection Program.

Closure of Food Facilities in Isleton

On December 9, 2004, Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Kelly McCoy was interviewed by *Contra Costa Times* Reporter Nathaniel Huffman about the closure of food facilities in the City of Isleton due to the lack of potable water. The Drinking Water Program of the State Department of Health Services issued a "Boil Water Advisory" for the area and food facilities were closed by EMD as a precautionary measure to protect public health and safety. Once laboratory results confirmed the water was potable, food establishments were notified and normal operations were resumed.

Spanish Language Interviews

ES Salvador Ruiz and CMO June Livingston met with *Univision* Channel 19 and Salvador conducted two interviews—one live and one taped—to provide information on the illegal sale of tamales and safe food handling techniques for the holidays.

Tobacco Retailer Ride-Along Inspections

As part of a story on EMD's Tobacco Retailer Program, *Sacramento Bee* Staff Writer Mickie Enkoji accompanied ES Anne Frey-Peters and CMO June Livingston on three inspections at tobacco retail locations in the unincorporated areas of Sacramento County. The resulting article included a statement from Anne noting that, "Sacramento County retailers have been largely cooperative in efforts to prevent tobacco sales to minors". To view the article click on <http://www.sacbee.com/content/politics/ca/story/11889268p-12776155c.html>.

Arden-Arcade Shopping Center Revitalization

ESs Carol Good and Anne Frey-Peters participated in the County's joint effort to improve an Arden-Arcade shopping center that had experienced blight and now supports thriving businesses. *Sacramento Bee* Reporter Bill Lindelof wrote the article found in the following link; http://www.sacbee.com/content/community_news/arden_carmichael/story/11695906p-12584658c.html.

Food Safety Initiatives

EMD Director Mel Knight met with *Sacramento Bee* Food Editor Mike Dunne to discuss current and proposed retail food safety initiatives.

Storm and Subsequent Sewage Overflows in September 2004

Sacramento Bee Staff Writer Terri Hardy wrote an article about contamination in the Southside Park pond (located in the City of Sacramento) and issues related to laboratory testing results. EHD Chief Richard Sanchez conducted an interview for the article.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

End of Calendar Employee Recognition

EMD held its annual "End of Calendar Year Employee Recognition Event" acknowledging many of the successful projects during 2004. Photographs and headline news articles posted at the event site highlighted staff accomplishments.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE

Fine and Penalty Revenues

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green completed a draft policy on the use of fine and penalty revenue to offset regulatory fees. Dennis briefed the Countywide Services Agency Analyst on the draft policy; additional briefings, notices and workshops will follow.

New Compliance Assistance Bulletin (CAB) for Tobacco Retailer Program

Beginning January 1, 2005 State law prohibits self service display of any tobacco products. As a result of the new requirements, EMD distributed an informational CAB to all tobacco retailers in the unincorporated area of the County in December 2004. The CAB has been posted on the EMD website, www.emd.SacCounty.net.

Proposed Easton Development

EMD Director Mel Knight met with representatives from Aerojet/GenCorp to discuss current plans for remediation of a closed landfill in the area of the proposed Easton development.

Public Hearing

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Cheryl Hawkins conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed revision to the Elder Creek Transfer Station Solid Waste Facility Permit.

WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

EMD Hosts Japanese Delegation

ES Zarha Ruiz served as host to a Japanese delegation headed by Takako Kimura (Takahashi), Section Chief for the International Affairs Section of the Food Labeling and Standards Division of the Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau of Japan. Ms. Kimura is responsible for the oversight of United States (US) companies that certify US exports to Japan. The delegation accompanied Zarha on an inspection at a local restaurant and was impressed with the scope, quality and caliber of EMD's Food Protection Program.

Hazardous Material Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were conducted with eight businesses attending. HMP workshops provide customers with an opportunity to receive staff assistance in completing required HMP documents (relating to on-site hazardous materials).

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Two onsite FSE classes were conducted by staff with 25 attendees representing 15 restaurants. One offsite class was conducted for 11 participants representing one restaurant.

EMD Orientation for Supervisor MacGlashan

EMD Management Staff provided a Departmental orientation and briefing to newly elected Sacramento County Board Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan and Chief-of-Staff Ted Wolter.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Environmental Assessment – Technical Input

EMD Site Assessment/Mitigation Program staff is currently assisting the Department of Airports and the Department of Transportation by providing technical help with Phase I environmental assessments. Staff is also providing technical assistance to the McClellan Base-Conversion team, the Business Environmental Resource Center's Brownfield team, and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency.

Protocols for Response to Sewage Overflows

Department staff EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen and CMO June Livingston met with City of Sacramento officials, County Health Officer Dr. Glennah Trochet and Public Health CMO Laura McCasland to discuss protocols for response to sewage overflows in the City of Sacramento.

Computerized Inspections

Information Technology (IT) staff Geoff Marsh, John Stender, Jim Guilliams and Rob Milano and EMD Director Mel Knight, participated in a web cast focus group meeting to providing input on the newest Decade/Envision software for computerized inspections.

Mobile Phone Access to Data and Records

EMD Director Mel Knight, Principal Information Technology Analyst Geoff Marsh and IT Analyst Rob Milano met with representatives from Verizon Wireless Company to discuss current and future availability of mobile phone access to EMD data and records.

Collaboration with County Waste Management

EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Chief Richard Sanchez met with County Waste Management and Recycling Director David Pelsler to investigate further coordination and collaboration in a number of areas of mutual interest.

Homeless Camps

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, ESs Tammy Derby and Anne Frey-Peters accompanied the District Attorneys' Office representative and County Parks staff on a tour of homeless camps in County parks near the American River.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

On December 9, 2004, EHD Chief Richard Sanchez participated in a CCDEH Region II meeting held in San Benito County. Chief Sanchez also attended the CCDEH Food Policy Committee meeting held on December 15, 2004.

Nuisance Response Team

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and ES Anne Frey-Peters attended the County Nuisance Response Team meeting with topics covering common issues and a County coordinated response.

Formula Rate Panel – Water Quality

CMO June Livingston participated on a Formula Rate Panel for job openings in the County Water Quality Department..

Lead Poisoning Prevention

ES Carol Good met with representatives from the Fresno Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to discuss Lead issues.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Sewage Disposal Training

ES Terry Kociemba participated in a Sewage Disposal training course.

PERSONNEL

Position Classification Changes

Geoff Marsh has been permanently appointed to the position of Principal Information Technology Analyst.

New Employees

Mark Barcellos was hired as an Environmental Specialist IV (Supervisor) in the Consumer Protection Program.

Retirement

Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) Richard Estrada, Hazardous Materials Division, retired from County service

DECEMBER 2004 BY THE NUMBERS

		December 2004	Year To Date 2004
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	879	8,663
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	21	842
3.	Farm Labor Camps	0	58
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	2	2,316
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	41	330
6.	Liquid Waste	91	809
7.	Medical Waste	10	119
8.	Small Water Systems	5	82
9.	Water Production/Monitoring Wells	140	793
10.	Remediation Project Monitoring Wells	89	918
11.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	15	184
12.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	64	780
13.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	139	1,052
14.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	<u>40</u>	<u>529</u>
	Total	1,536	17,475
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	51	584
2.	Food Borne Illness	14	228
3.	Incident Response	<u>36</u>	<u>490</u>
	Total	101	1,302
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	361	4,303
2.	Monitoring Wells	83	1,117
3.	Food Facilities	114	1,657
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	27	350
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	30	451
6.	Land Use	<u>19</u>	<u>185</u>
	Total	634	8,063
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	20,801	300,841
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>20</u>	<u>268</u>
	Total	20,821	301,109

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