

Highlights

- **Board Approves Revenue Rebate Policy**
- **AB 1078**
- **Foreign Language Food Safety Education**
- **2004 Calendar Year Highlights**

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

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February 2005 Summary By The Numbers

- 1,767 Inspections completed this month
- 3,790 Inspections Completed, year to date
- 24,812 Documents Imaged, year to date

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Board Approves Revenue Return

On February 22, 2005, Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Green successfully presented a proposal to the County Board of Supervisors to reimburse or rebate surplus enforcement revenue to compliant businesses beginning in July 2005. It is believed that the Department will be the first Local or State agency to implement such a policy. Fee offsets are expected to range from 6% to 8% for the Hazardous Waste Generator, Hazardous Material Business Plan and Underground Storage Tank Programs.

AB 1078 – Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Cleanup Act of 2005

AB 1078 was introduced on February 22, 2005 and is sponsored by Assembly Members Keen (R-Chico) and Lui (D-La Canada-Flintridge). The Bill will establish interim cleanup standards, and outline responsibilities, procedures and penalties relating to the cleanup of properties contaminated by methamphetamine production. HMD Chief Dennis Green, Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Elise Rothschild and ES Mark Trask provided major technical assistance to Mr. Keene's staff during the preparation of this Bill.

Leadership and Arnold Action Award

HMD Chief Dennis Green received statewide recognition as the recipient of both a Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) "Leadership Award" and an "Arnold Action" Award which was presented by CalEPA.

Foreign Language Food Safety Education (FSE)

Staff conducted the first FSE class in Cantonese to assist restaurant owners, operators and staff in understanding and complying with food safety regulations. FSE is also taught in Spanish and English.

Calendar Year Highlights

The Department 2004 Calendar Year Highlights document was distributed to staff and other interested parties. To view the document click on, <http://www.emd.saccounty.net/pdf/emd-2004-highlights.pdf>.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Restaurant Inspections

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy received a call from Ian McNamara of 1240 AM Talk City Radio requesting a list of "dirty" restaurants. Mr. McNamara was encouraged to view online Food Inspection Reports for his report highlighting the Department's Award of Excellence program and restaurants with compliance issues.

Dateline NBC

The Department received two separate requests for Food Inspection Reports from *Dateline* NBC staff concerning Sacramento County public school cafeterias and national chain grocery stores for upcoming feature segments.

Meeting with Cameron Jahn

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief Richard Sanchez, HMD Chief Dennis Green, and Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston met with *Sacramento Bee* Reporter Cameron Jahn to discuss issues related to restaurant grading and revenue return to businesses from enforcement actions.

UPN "Watch What You Eat"

UPN Television Station 31 News Reporter Naj Alikahn continues to contact the Department for information contained in online food inspection reports for his weekly Monday segment "Watch What You Eat", on the *Good Day Sacramento* morning show. The three restaurants featured normally have noncompliance issues (originally the segment showed one restaurant with a good compliance history and two with noncompliance issues).

WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Community Kitchen Requirements

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and Supervising ES Kelly McCoy met with representatives from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) and County Parks to discuss requirements for a Community Kitchen Facility.

Recreational Waterborne Illness Workshop

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez attended a workshop on "Reduction of Recreational Waterborne Illness" at public pools, spas and other water interactive facilities. The workshop was sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO's)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez participated in a conference call with representatives from State and Regional Water Quality Boards, as well as sanitation districts, to discuss development of protocols for notification of SSO's.

California Lead Prevention Program (CLPP)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez, and ES Carol Good met with representatives from the State Department of Health Services to discuss EMD implementation of the CLPP Grant.

Clean Air Champions

EMD Director Mel Knight served as Chair of the 2005 Clean Air Champions Awards Selection Committee for the American Lung Association

Hazardous Material Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with 8 businesses attending.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Three FSE classes were conducted with 29 participants representing 10 businesses.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Aerojet/Easton Project

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez met with County staff and developers to discuss issues concerning a closed landfill on Aerojet property as they relate to development of the proposed Easton Project.

Meeting with Auto Dismantlers Association

Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen and staff met with representatives from the California Auto Dismantlers Association to discuss potential areas of collaboration relative to EMD's Stormwater Compliance Program.

New Tracking Procedure

Acting Personnel Officer Linda Noyer-McDaniel completed implementation of a new procedure for tracking Department vehicle records.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Chief Richard Sanchez participated in the CCDEH Executive Committee meeting held in conjunction with the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Training Conference.

Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

EMD Director Mel Knight provided local program input at the CDC Environmental Health Workforce Staff Development Committee meeting.

CMO Agency Meeting

CMO June Livingston participated in the Countywide Services Agency (CSA) CMO meeting to discuss Agency procedures, Board notifications/alerts, public records requests, media training and other issues of mutual interest.

2004 Employee Campaign

Department Employee Campaign Chair Geoff Marsh and EMD Director Mel Knight participated in the final recognition activities associated with the 2004 Employee Giving Campaign. Thirty-nine EMD staff contributed approximately \$9,000 to the 2004 Campaign.

Medical Marijuana Task Force

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez participated in a Medical Marijuana Task Force meeting.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Administrative Enforcement Case

ES Marie Woodin presented a detailed summary of an HMD Enforcement Case at the California Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Training Conference. This was the first CUPA Administrative Enforcement case presented for hearing before a State Administrative Law Judge. An Assistant District Attorney in the audience noted that Marie's presentation on how to prepare for such a hearing was "the best that he had heard on the subject in 15 years".

California Accidental Release Program (CalARP) and Enforcement Settlement

HMD Chief Dennis Green gave two presentations at the CUPA Training Conference--a CalARP enforcement case study and also a summary of enforcement settlement negotiation tactics.

Brownfield Development

WPD Supervising ES Dana Booth and EMD Director Mel Knight presented information at the Sacramento Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) workshop on "Brownfield Development".

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) Meeting

Department staff conducted the following presentations at the February 28 meeting of the SEC:

- Proposed California Accidental Release (CalARP) Fee Revision – Supervising ES Anthony Chu.
- Change in Inspection Frequency for Small Quantity Hazardous Waste Generators – HMD Chief Dennis Green.
- Food Safety Program Update – EHD Chief Richard Sanchez.

To view the February SEC meeting agenda, go to www.emd.saccounty.net/sec/pdf/2005-02-28a.pdf.

TRAININGCUPA Conference

Department Managers, Supervisors and Staff (18 total) received training in various elements of hazardous materials/waste, under and above ground storage tanks, Risk Management Plans (RMP)/CalARP (California Accidental Release Program), and the Local Oversight Program (LOP) at the CUPA Conference.

Stormwater Conference

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, ES John Lewis and ES Ken Ballard attended the California Water Environmental Association (CWEA) Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention and Stormwater Conference.

Landfill Seminar

ES Cheryl Hawkins attended the Landfill Gas System Engineering Design Seminar.

Lead Continuing Education Course

Sonia Lee attended a course on Continuing Education for Certified Lead Professionals.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez participated in the CCDEH Executive Committee meeting.

PERSONNELNew Employees

Felicia Williams and Eric Haupt filled two ES I positions in the EHD Consumer Protection Program. Yolanda Grigsby was recently hired as an ES II in the Underground Storage Tank Program of HMD. Derrick Ho was recently hired as an Account Clerk III in Accounting and Finance. Jason Smalley (former Senior Student Intern) has returned to fill an ES I position in the EHD Consumer Protection Program.

BY THE NUMBERS

Please note the following additions to the “By the Numbers” Section on Page 5:

New Inspection Categories

- Stormwater
- Waste Tire
- Tobacco Retailer

New Investigations

- Stormwater
- Waste Tire

FEBRUARY 2005 BY THE NUMBERS

		February 2005	Year To Date
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,070	2,276
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	108	245
3.	Farm Labor Camps	4	4
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1	7
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	16	36
6.	Liquid Waste	12	70
7.	Medical Waste	5	14
8.	Small Water Systems	5	6
9.	Water Production/Monitoring Wells	81	183
10.	Remediation Project Monitoring Wells	81	155
11.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	35	60
12.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	78	160
13.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	117	245
14.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	30	61
15.	Storm Water	94	193
16.	Waste Tire	0	6
17.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>30</u>	<u>69</u>
	Total	1,767	3,790
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	67	123
2.	Food Borne Illness	16	31
3.	Incident Response	40	84
4.	Storm Water	6	23
5.	Waste Tire	<u>22</u>	<u>50</u>
	Total	151	311
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	308	726
2.	Monitoring Wells	76	146
3.	Food Facilities	118	274
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	23	51
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	30	69
6.	Land Use	<u>20</u>	<u>40</u>
	Total	575	1,306
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	11,180	24,812
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>23</u>	<u>46</u>
	Total	11,203	24,858

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