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Welcome to the May 2005 EMD Update. This issue contains process improvements, collaboration, training, outreach and workshops that occurred in April 2005. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.

Highlights

- Continuing activity and outreach in developing enhancements for the restaurant inspection program
- New Compliance Assistance Bulletins available for Lead-Based Paint Chips and Underground Storage Tanks
- Four Food Safety Classes offered in three languages
- EMD staff elected to leadership positions in professional association

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Board Approves Fee Schedule Adjustments

The County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted three EMD fee schedule adjustments for fiscal year 2005-06. Fees were reduced for certain small quantity generators of hazardous waste and a category of mobile food facilities. The Accidental Release of Hazardous Materials Program (CalARP) will require fee increases in a number of categories.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Dateline NBC

Communications and Media Officer June Livingston spoke with representatives from *Dateline NBC* regarding EMD's retail food facility inspection program.

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)

EMD Director Mel Knight, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief Richard Sanchez, and CMO June Livingston provided source information for an article relating to Environmental Health and the Media to be published in an upcoming edition of the NEHA Journal.

Noxious Odors in Elk Grove

CMO June Livingston provided information to *Sacramento Bee* staff regarding noxious odors in the Elk Grove Area.

UPN Television Station 31

CMO June Livingston was contacted by UPN Television Station 31 relative to restaurant inspection reports and facility compliance conferences.

APPOINTMENTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

California Environmental Health Association (CEHA)

CMO June Livingston was recently elected President of CEHA, Superior Chapter. Environmental Specialists (ESs) Sophia Jella and Zarha Ruiz were elected President-Elect and Member-at-Large, respectively.

REHS Training

EMD has initiated a formalized Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) Training Program; CMO June Livingston will serve as the Training Coordinator.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACHCompliance Assistance Bulletins (CABs)

EMD compiled and posted the following two CABs on the EMD website: (1) Proper Disposal of Lead-Based Paint Coated Debris and Paint Chips; and (2) Underground Storage Tank Owners—Common Violations. To view the CABs go to www.emd.SacCounty.net and click on Compliance Assistance Bulletins.

Restaurant Inspection Results

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, CMO June Livingston, and ESs Zarha Ruiz and Jannine Talusik facilitated an industry workshop to discuss options and alternatives for enhanced public disclosure of Restaurant Inspection results.

Hazardous Material Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with 14 businesses attending.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Four FSE classes were conducted in April with 72 participants representing 30 facilities. Two FSE classes were conducted in English; one is Cantonese, and one in Spanish.

Planning and Conservation League

ESs Debbie Katz and Sonia Lee, in collaboration with the Planning and Conservation League, provided an outreach program concerning lead hazards in homes built in the Oak Park area prior to 1978.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATIONRecycled Water

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage met with representatives from the California Department of Health Services to discuss respective roles (present and future) in recycled water programs in Sacramento County.

California Integrated Waste Management Board

EHD Richard Sanchez, and ESs Tammy Derby and Cheryl Hawkins met with representatives from the CalEPA California Integrated Waste Management Board to discuss options for clean up of closed landfill sites.

Employee Recruitment

CMO June Livingston conducted employee recruitment at the CEHA Annual Educational Symposium (AES) held in Monterey (CA).

Water Discharge Requirements

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage met with staff from the Regional Water Quality Control Board to discuss possible changes to the Waste Discharge Requirements issued for the Sewage Maintenance District and The Ranch subdivision.

Representatives from New Zealand

ES Sonia Lee hosted a delegation from Wellington, New Zealand. Bruce Edwin Burdon, Assistant Director of Policy, New Zealand Food Safety Authority, and Kerry Keys, U.S. Language Officer, expressed interest in current food policies and field applications and accompanied Ms. Lee on retail food inspections.

Emergency Operations

EMD Director Mel Knight and Supervising ES Elise Rothschild participated in a meeting of the County Emergency Operations Plan Review Committee.

Decade Software

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage participated in a teleconference with representatives from Decade Software Company and Ventura County to jointly develop a cross-connection module as part of the Envision Database.

Assistance to City of Elk Grove

ES John Lewis assisted the City of Elk Grove in an audit of the City's Stormwater Program by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EMD's Stormwater Compliance Program, implemented on behalf of the City of Elk Grove, received positive feedback from the EPA Auditor.

County Dumping Response Team

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and ES Tammy Derby attended a meeting of the County Dumping Response Team.

Nuisance Response Team

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in a meeting of the Steering Committee for the County Nuisance Response Team.

California Restaurant Association (CRA)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez met with Darin Gale, Director of Local Government Affairs, CRA to discuss items of mutual interest.

Food Facility in the Delta

EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Chief Richard Sanchez participated in an issue resolution session regarding multiple agency requirements for a food facility located in the Delta area.

Vessel Sanitation

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage, met with representatives from the San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Boat Patrol to discuss collaboration on a local ordinance on vessel sanitation.

Equal Employment Opportunity

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in a meeting of the County Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee, serving as a Department Head representative.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez attended the CCDEH Region II meeting held in Marin County and also a meeting of the CCDEH Food Policy Committee.

British Petroleum (BP)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez met with representatives from BP to discuss items of mutual interest.

EMD/SEC Website

EMD Director Mel Knight and Principal Information Technology Analyst (PITA) Geoff Marsh met with representatives from NetTop Associates to discuss prospective upgrades to the EMD and SEC web pages.

Subcommittee on Food

The first meeting of the EHD Subcommittee on Food, which includes representation from the Food Industry and the Sacramento Environmental Commission, was held to discuss changes to public notification of food inspection results.

Compliance Seminar

EMD Director Mel Knight presented information relative to the Department's Environmental Compliance Programs during the Brown and Caldwell Seminar Series.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Methamphetamine Contaminated Property

HMD Chief Dennis Green and Supervising ES Elise Rothschild presented testimony before the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials regarding AB 1078, the Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Cleanup Act of 2005.

Groundwater Forum

Supervising ESs Dana Booth and Steve Kalvelage provided information at the Stakeholders Meeting of the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum (CSCGF) regarding EMD's ability to interface with the CSCGF to further the protection of groundwater.

SMUD Compliance Month

ESs John Lewis, Tiffany Beaudry and Ken Ballard presented information on the Department's Stormwater Program at the SMUD Compliance Month Workshop.

Environmental Law Forum

ES Mark Trask participated as a panel member and moderator for the California Methamphetamine Laws Panel Discussion presented by the Environmental Law Forum at McGeorge School of Law.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) Meeting

EMD Director Mel Knight and Department Secretary Linda Jimenez provided staff support to the April meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Presentation of the Environmental Recognition Awards; (2) Disease Prevention Demonstration Program by Dr. Glennah Trochet, Sacramento County Health Officer; and (3) Update on SWA Green Waste Facility by Pat Quinn, Program Manager, Sacramento County Department of Waste Management and Recycling.

TRAINING

Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)

EMD Director Mel Knight attended training on the updated SEMS for emergency operations.

California Environmental Health Association (CEHA)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and several staff members from the Environmental Health Division participated in CEHA's Annual Educational Symposium.

Data Management System

ES Susan Williams received training in the Data Management System model utilized for tracking groundwater developed by Montgomery Watson Harza.

State Office of Emergency Services

CMO June Livingston participated in the Public Information Office Tabletop exercise held at the Emergency Operations Center of the State Office of Emergency Services.

PERSONNEL

EMD Personnel Officer

Rhonda Engellenner, Administrative Services Officer II, was hired to serve as EMD Personnel Officer. In addition to human resource responsibilities, Rhonda will also serve as a member of the EMD Budget team.

New Employees

Christina Pease was hired as an Environmental Compliance Technician in HMD.

APRIL 2005 BY THE NUMBERS

		April 2005	Year To Date
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,044	4,688
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	58	448
3.	Farm Labor Camps	2	8
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	5	13
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	12	70
6.	Liquid Waste	18	115
7.	Medical Waste	7	24
8.	Small Water Systems	6	12
9.	Wells	99	341
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	70	168
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	116	373
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	134	505
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	23	120
14.	Storm Water	198	491
15.	Waste Tire	9	35
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>43</u>	<u>162</u>
	Total	1,844	7,573
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	67	244
2.	Food Borne Illness	23	62
3.	Incident Response	35	149
4.	Storm Water	18	59
5.	Waste Tire	<u>7</u>	<u>61</u>
	Total	150	575
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	261	1,355
2.	Monitoring Wells	33	198
3.	Food Facilities	166	600
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	47	125
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	33	205
6.	Land Use	<u>13</u>	<u>66</u>
	Total	553	2,549
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	14,703	56,871
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>20</u>	<u>94</u>
	Total	14,723	56,965