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Welcome to the July 2005 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of June 2005. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.

Highlights

- Six Food Safety Education classes were conducted in three languages
- Hazardous Materials Division provides testimony in support of methamphetamine lab property clean-up legislation
- Testing initiated for computerized field inspections
- Workshop held for Small Water System Operators

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NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Waste Tire Inspections

Environmental Specialist (ES) Maria Adney was featured in the Summer 2005 edition of "News – Line", the newsletter produced by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). CIWMB staff observed Maria performing waste tire inspections for an entire month.

White Powder

The Sacramento Bee published an article concerning envelopes containing white powder and threatening messages received at the *Bee* and the Sacramento County Administration Building. The Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Incident Response Team responded to the incident. To view the published article, go to: <http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/story/12993967p-13840650c.html>.

Hazardous Materials Programs

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green and CMO June Livingston met with *Sacramento Bee* Reporter Phillip Reese to discuss HMD programs for a future article.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Compliance Assistance Bulletin (CAB) for Exterior Ancillary Structures

EMD distributed an informational CAB to retail food facility owners regarding the use of unapproved exterior ancillary structures such as sheds, outdoor refrigeration units, and cargo containers.

Health Fair

Environmental Specialist (ES) Sonia Lee provided information on Environmental Health Programs during the Delta Dental Employee Health Fair.

KVIE Volunteer

EMD Director Mel Knight represented the Countywide Services Agency (CSA) as a KVIE Phone Bank Volunteer.

Healthy Swimming

EMD has posted information relating to healthy swimming on the County of Sacramento website. Go to <http://www.saccounty.net> and click on "Healthy Swimming Information" to view the information.

Emergency Exercise

Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston participated in an emergency exercise held at the Sacramento International Airport.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted with 70 attendees representing 21 facilities. Four FSE classes were conducted in English, one in Spanish, and one in Cantonese.

Hazardous Materials Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP Workshops were held with 6 businesses attending.

Program Fees Posted

The 2005-06 Program Fees were developed and have been posted to the EMD website <http://www.emd.saccounty.net>.

Small Water Systems Workshop

ES Thomas Walton and Student Intern Sharlene Liensenfeld participated in a meeting with 100+ operators of small public water supplies to review requirements to operate a public water supply and to discuss upcoming regulatory changes.

Well Driller's Workshop

Supervising ESs Dana Booth and Steve Kalvelage and ESs Susan Williams and Faith King met with well drillers to discuss well destruction requirements and process/timelines for issuance of permits.

Backflow Tester's Workshop

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage, ES Maria Adney and Office Assistant Kevin Brown met with Backflow Testers who operate in Sacramento County to discuss database quality control and upcoming changes to the Program.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Toronto (Canada) Food Safety Disclosure

EMD Director Mel Knight, Environmental Health D Chief Richard Sanchez, and Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez conferred with representatives of the Toronto Healthy Environments Department to discuss the Toronto Food Safety disclosure placard program.

Recreational Water Illness Prevention

Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston compiled information concerning EMD's outreach effort surrounding Recreational Water Illness Prevention and Healthy Swimming for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Sacramento Environmental Commission

EMD Director Mel Knight met with County Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan to discuss the history and future direction of the Sacramento Environmental Commission.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) Food Safety Committee

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez participated in a meeting of the CCDEH Food Safety Committee.

Recycled Water Coordination

Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen, Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Maria Adney met with representatives from the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) to discuss EMD's role in current and future recycled water usage in Sacramento County.

EMD Documents and Records

Continued to electronically image documents relating to Site Assessment and Mitigation and held preliminary meetings with staff relative to definition of document categories for the Solid Waste Program.

Easton Development Project

EMD Director Mel Knight, EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, and ES Cheryl Hawkins provided information on landfill closure and water reclamation to workgroups for the Easton Development Project.

Emergency Operations

EMD Director Mel Knight and Supervising ES Elise Rothschild provided review for the updated County Emergency Operations Plans.

EMD Website

Principal Information Technology Analyst (PITA) Geoff Marsh participated in web development meetings with representatives from each of the three Department Divisions and the Website Consultant relative to enhancement of the Department's web presence.

Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC)

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in a meeting of the BERC Steering Committee.

Countywide Services Agency (CSA)

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in a facilitated session to discuss issues and future direction of the Agency.

Summer Food Safety Tips

Communications and Media Officer June Livingston collaborated with Cooperative Extension in the production of five Summer Food Safety Fact Sheets. To view the fact sheets go to <http://www.emd.saccounty.net/eh/emdfoodprotect.htm>.

Environmental Health Consortium

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in discussions of the Environmental Health Workforce Development Consortium relative to measures to counter the decreased availability of environmental health specialists.

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen met with representatives from the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) to discuss and develop alternatives for EMD implementation of FOG audits at food facilities.

Envision Connect Software

EMD Information Technology staff began "beta" testing for Envision Connect, the new software product which will allow data capture and real-time data entry during field inspections. The testing, which involves the entire IT staff and selected ESs, is expected to continue for several months.

Easton Project

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen attended a meeting with representatives from SRCSD and a Consultant Team to discuss potential for recycled water use for the Easton Project.

Sanitary Sewer Overflow

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage met with representatives of County Sanitation District 1, the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities, and the City of Folsom to discuss the process for notification and communication when sewer overflows occur.

City of Roseville

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Maria Adney met with the City of Roseville Engineer to discuss and coordinate the approval process for recycled water sites.

County Sanitation District 1 (CSD-1)

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage met with representatives from CSD-1 to discuss the potential to provide sewer service to an area currently utilizing onsite sewage disposal systems (septic tanks).

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Methamphetamine Property Cleanup

HMD Chief Dennis Green and Supervising ES Elise Rothschild provided technical testimony before the California Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials concerning AB 1078, the Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Cleanup Act of 2005. Chief Green also testified before the California Senate Committee on Environmental Quality concerning the same legislation.

TRAINING

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)

EMD Director Mel Knight, EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, and Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez participated in the NEHA Annual Educational Symposium.

California Specialized Training Institute

ES David Steele attended training on Environmental Crimes held at the California Specialized Training Institute.

Western Institute for Food Safety and Security (WIFSS)

EMD Director Mel Knight, EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, and Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez attended training on Bioterrorism Issues at the Food Safety and Defense Conference sponsored by the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security held at UC Davis.

Media Training

EMD Director Mel Knight, EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, and CMO June Livingston attended County-sponsored Media Training.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Robert Duncan was promoted from ES II to ES III in the HMD.

Doug Osborn was promoted from ES II to ES III in the HMD.

New Employees

Wendy Hoffspiegel was hired as an ES III in the EHD.

Derek Jacks was hired as an ES I in the HMD.

Jason Smalley was hired as an ES I in EHD.

JUNE 2005 BY THE NUMBERS

		June 2005	Year To Date
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	500	6,119
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	61	559
3.	Farm Labor Camps	7	27
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	741	904
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	17	96
6.	Liquid Waste	41	181
7.	Medical Waste	4	47
8.	Small Water Systems	12	49
9.	Wells	153	617
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	13	204
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	119	601
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	164	817
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	44	210
14.	Storm Water	107	789
15.	Waste Tire	8	44
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>21</u>	<u>244</u>
	Total	2,012	11,508
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	67	370
2.	Food Borne Illness	13	94
3.	Incident Response	35	219
4.	Storm Water	21	111
5.	Waste Tire	<u>3</u>	<u>67</u>
	Total	139	861
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	303	1,990
2.	Monitoring Wells	94	326
3.	Food Facilities	130	888
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	45	223
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	22	234
6.	Land Use	<u>17</u>	<u>102</u>
	Total	611	3,763
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	16,766	90,644
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>28</u>	<u>149</u>
	Total	16,794	90,793