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

Highlights

- *Three workshops were conducted for operators of public swimming pools/spas with 130+ attendees*
- *EMD held End of Fiscal Year staff recognition event*
- *Elise Rothschild participated in exercise conducted by Department of Homeland Security and the California National Guard*
- *EMD initiated web site survey to solicit public feedback*

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NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Food Protection Program

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief Richard Sanchez and Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston met with *Sacramento Bee* Staff Writer Phillip Reese to discuss upcoming initiatives in the Food Protection Program.

Recreational Water Illnesses

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez was interviewed by KCRA Channel 3 Reporter Miguel Almaguer relative to recreational water illnesses.

Public Notification of Food Inspection Results

Sacramento Bee Staff Writer Phillip Reese interviewed EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Chief Richard Sanchez about potential changes to public notification of food inspections results, including grading and green-yellow-red color coding systems.

Public Pool/Spa Facilities

CMO June Livingston conducted an interview with KOVR Channel 13 Health Reporter Diana Pena at the EMD Swimming Pool and Spa Workshop held for owners and operators of public pool/spa facilities.

Color-Coded Placing System

EMD Director Knight was interviewed by KOVR Channel 13 and KXTV Channel 10 relative to the green-yellow-red color coded placarding system currently being utilized in Toronto, Canada.

UPN "Watch What You Eat"

UPM Channel 31 Reporter Naj Alikahn continues to air the "Watch What You Eat" segments on "Good Day Sacramento" and on KOVR Channel 14 "News at Noon" to highlighting restaurants with compliance issues.

Food Inspection Results

Sacramento Bee Reporter Tom Phelps wrote an article which appeared in the *Bee's* Opinion Column relative to potential changes to public notification of food inspection results, including grading and the green-yellow-red placarding systems.

Facility/Inspection/Violation History

Principal Information Technology Analyst (PITA) Geoff Marsh exported Food and Hazardous Materials Program facility/inspection/violation history and provided the data to the *Sacramento Bee* in response to their public records request.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

End of Fiscal Year Recognition

EMD held an end of fiscal year "Employee Recognition" event to highlight staff accomplishments in 2004-05.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

HMD Chief Dennis Green and Supervising ESs Anthony Chu, Chris Pace and Elise Rothschild met with representatives from the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC) to discuss establishment of a CUPA Compliance School. BERC will conduct the School under the direction of EMD. The School is anticipated to begin in early November.

Public Swimming Pool/Spa Workshops

Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos and Kelly McCoy and ESs Jeff Czapla, Jannine Talusik and Mary Taylor conducted three workshops for operators of public swimming pools/spas in Sacramento County to educate them on how to operate and maintain their pools/spas in a safe and sanitary manner. More than 130 people participated in the Workshops and the feedback received was overwhelmingly positive.

Envision Connect Software

EMD Information Technology (IT) staff continued to test the new field inspection software. This software will allow Environmental Specialists to record data on a tablet PC while performing field inspections. IT staff also provided introductory training on Envision Connect and tablet PC hardware for program staff in all EMD Divisions.

County Newsletter

EMD provided two articles—*Food Safety* and *Healthy Swimming*—for inclusion in the inaugural edition of *County News, e style*.

Public Records Request

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green, Principal Information Technology Analyst (PITA) Geoff Marsh, and CMO June Livingston met with *Sacramento Bee* Staff Writer Phillip Reese to discuss a public records database request for Hazardous Materials inspection/enforcement activities and food inspection report information.

What's Happening in the County

EMD provided two articles—*Summer Food Safety* and *Healthy Swimming*—that are currently being highlighted on the County website www.saccounty.net under "What's Happening in the County".

Web Site Survey

EMD initiated a web site survey to solicit public feedback. An internal survey was also initiated to solicit feedback from staff relative to both the public web site and the Department's Intranet site.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Two FSE classes were conducted with 16 attendees representing 7 facilities. One FSE class was conducted in English and one in Cantonese.

Solano and Fresno County Inquiries

Principal Information Technology Analyst (PITA) Geoff Marsh responded to inquiries from Solano and Fresno Counties relative to Envision Connect software testing.

Hazardous Materials Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP Workshops were held with 8 businesses attending.

West Nile Virus

PITA Geoff Marsh added a reference to the West Nile Virus on EMD's website. Although EMD is not directly involved in West Nile Virus investigations, we receive regular inquiries.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green met with CUPA Program Managers from San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties and representatives from the California Environmental Protection Agency, State Department of Toxic Substance Control, and Office of Emergency Services to develop a California Regulatory Performance Model. The major component of this effort was to establish risk-based inspection protocol for CUPA programs.

California Exposition (Cal Expo)

EMD Director Mel Knight, EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, and WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen met with representatives from Cal Expo regarding water feature operation options.

Tabletop Exercise

Supervising ES Elise Rothschild participated in a tabletop exercise jointly conducted by the Department of Homeland Security and the California National Guard. The in-office exercise served as a preliminary step to the full scale Golden Guardian exercise scheduled for November.

Sacramento Area Water Works Association (SAWWA)

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising Environmental Specialists (ESs) Dana Booth and Steve Kalvelage met with representatives of SAWWA to discuss the issue of approving private wells on properties served by public water systems.

Countywide Services Agency

CMO June Livingston participated in the Countywide Services Agency (CSA) meeting to highlight Department and Agency activities.

Local Environmental Planning Commission (LEPC)

Supervising ES Elise Rothschild attended the LEPC meeting to discuss updating the regional LEPC Plan and upcoming federal grants to local agencies to revise HazMat Response Area Plans.

County Dumping Response Team

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez attended a meeting of the County Dumping Response Team to discuss how a grant received by the Department of Waste Management and Recycling might be used to respond to the illegal dumping problem in Sacramento County.

Sanitary Sewer Discharge Options

ES John Lewis participated in a meeting with representatives from the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC), the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Water Quality, and the Department of County Engineering and Administration to identify and clarify appropriate sanitary sewer discharge options for businesses who can no longer discharge to the storm drainage system.

Program Performance Measures

EMD Director Mel Knight met with representatives from the County Executive's Office regarding future use of Program Performance Measures.

Statistical Reports

Principal Information Technology Analyst (PITA) Geoff Marsh developed and refined Food Program statistical reports in preparation for the annual Award of Excellence Program and development of a food facility ranking system.

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage participated in a SWRCB scoping meeting relating to the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Statewide Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Regulations.

Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC)

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in a meeting of the BERC Steering Committee that focused on the development of long-term direction for BERC.

Enforcement Activities

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and ES Cheryl Hawkins met with representatives from County Counsel and other departments to coordinate solid waste related enforcement efforts.

Future EMD Facility

EMD Director Mel Knight met with the Architectural Services Division of the County's Municipal Services Agency to discuss future EMD facility design.

EMD Documents and Records

Information Technology Analyst Jim Guilliams took preliminary steps to begin the scanning process for Solid Waste Program files. Document categories and types were defined during several meetings with Program staff; active scanning of the files is expected to begin in mid-August.

Food Borne Illness Investigation Protocol

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez, and ES Libby Carruesco met with representatives from County Public Health and the County Lab to discuss development of a revised Food Borne Illness Investigation Protocol.

Countywide Services Agency (CSA)

EHD Director Mel Knight participated in a planning session of the CSA devoted to the development of a CSA Strategic Plan.

Waste Management and Recycling

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and ES Tammy Derby attended a meeting with representatives from County Waste Management and Recycling to discuss the "Sacramento GreenCyle" Project.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez participated in a meeting of the CCDEH Food Policy Committee to discuss statewide issues of mutual interest.

Food Protection Program

EHD Director Mel Knight, EHD Chief Richard Sanchez, and Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Alicia Enriquez, and Kelly McCoy met with representatives from the Food Industry and the Sacramento Environmental Commission to discuss initiatives in the Food Protection Program.

Cal EPA/California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

EHD Chief Richard Sanchez and Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Steve Kalvelage attended a meeting with representatives from the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA) and the CIWMB to discuss AB 885, legislation that will significantly change the installation of onsite sewage disposal systems.

TRAINING

Enforcement Training

ES Tiffany Beaudry attended an Enforcement Training Class presented by the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office.

American Water Works Training

ES Maria Adney completed training and certification as a Cross Connection Specialist from the American Water Works Association.

Grants Workshop

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising ESs Dana Booth and Steve Kalvelage attended a State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Consolidated Grants Workshop.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Tammy Derby was promoted from ES III to ES IV (Supervising Environmental Specialist) in the EHD.

New Employees

Ray Fontanilla was hired as an ES I in the EHD.

Karla Gibler was hired as an ES I in the EHD.

Brion McGinness was hired as an ES II in the HMD.

Kelly Pryor was hired as an Environmental Compliance Technician II in the EHD.

JULY 2005 BY THE NUMBERS

		July 2005	Year To Date
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	478	6,597
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	36	595
3.	Farm Labor Camps	23	50
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	641	1,545
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	13	109
6.	Liquid Waste	30	211
7.	Medical Waste	7	54
8.	Small Water Systems	1	50
9.	Wells	139	756
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	14	218
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	79	680
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	119	936
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	37	247
14.	Storm Water	76	865
15.	Waste Tire	0	44
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>5</u>	<u>249</u>
	Total	1,698	13,206
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	77	447
2.	Food Borne Illness	11	105
3.	Incident Response	36	255
4.	Storm Water	12	123
5.	Waste Tire	<u>0</u>	<u>67</u>
	Total	136	997
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	345	2,335
2.	Monitoring Wells	76	402
3.	Food Facilities	96	984
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	23	246
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	14	248
6.	Land Use	<u>12</u>	<u>114</u>
	Total	566	4,329
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	15,106	105,750
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>27</u>	<u>176</u>
	Total	15,133	105,926