



# Environmental Management Department

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

## **Highlights**

- *EMD Issues "2005 Awards of Excellence" to Retail Food Facilities*
- *Statewide CUPA Regulatory Performance Model and Strategies for Statewide Enforcement Being Developed*
- *EMD Presents Information on Stormwater Compliance Program*

## **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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## **NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### Food Safety "Awards of Excellence"

Environmental Health Division (EHD) staff and members of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors presented 357 "2005 Food Safety Awards of Excellence" to retail food facilities who were distinguished as being in the top 5% of their industry in employing best food safety practices.

## **NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION**

### Grocery Markets

EMD Director Mel Knight conducted an interview with *Sacramento Bee* Reporter Phillip Reese for an article titled, "Watch Dog Report: Poorer areas rich in problem markets".

### "Awards of Excellence"

UPN Channel 31 and CBS KOVR Channel 13 television stations aired reports containing interviews by Naj Alikhan with two local restaurants regarding their receipt of a Food Safety "Award of Excellence". *Sacramento Bee* Reporter Phillip Reese also covered the story and the resulting article was subsequently printed in three "Neighbor" sections of the newspaper.

### Sanitary Sewer Overflows

Supervising Environmental Specialist Steve Kalvelage was contacted by *Sacramento Bee* Reporter Terri Hardy concerning sanitary sewer overflows in the City of Sacramento. Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston also conducted an interview for a *Sacramento Bee* article titled, "City tackles how to handle spills" concerning EMD's role in public health and safety notification during sanitary sewage overflows.

### Restaurant Compliance

Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston was contacted by CBS Television Channel 13 Reporter Jason Howe regarding a *Los Angeles Times* article concerning Chinese restaurant compliance with environmental regulations.

### Clean Kitchens

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy conducted an interview for a story printed in the *Sacramento Bee* titled, "Area restaurants win kudos from County for clean kitchens".

### County News

CMO June Livingston submitted an article highlighting the Proposed Green/Yellow/Red Placard Notification System for Restaurants and Other Retail Food Facilities for publication in the County News.

## **COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH**

### Proposed Food Safety Enhancements

EMD Director Mel Knight provided briefings on Phase II of the Proposed Food Safety Enhancements to the California Grocers Association, the California Restaurant Association (Sacramento Chapter), and to the Communicable Disease Team of the County Department of Health and Human Services.

### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Three FSE classes were conducted in October with 30 participants representing 13 facilities. One FSE class was conducted in Cantonese and two were conducted in English.

### Hazardous Materials Business Plan Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with 11 businesses attending. ESs Bob Price, Ryan Artz, Victor Anyeneh, and Doug Osborn conducted the first Workshop and ESs Lea Ragaini and Derek Jacks conducted the second Workshop.

### Staff Recruitment

ESs Jannine Talusik, Zarha Ruiz and Mark Barcellos from the Department's Consumer Protection Program participated in career fairs held at California State University, Sacramento and California State University, Fresno.

### Educational Tours

CMO June Livingston and ESs Eric Haupt, Felicia Williams, Jason Smalley and Ray Fontanilla participated in educational tours of the County waste water treatment plant and the City of Sacramento drinking water treatment plant in preparation for the State REHS exam.

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

### E-Mail Fax Service

IT Technician Rob Milano implemented a new e-mail fax service for use by the Cross Connection Program of the Water Protection Division. This service allows staff members to send outgoing faxes via their computer desktop and allows incoming faxes to be managed via a shared e-mail account. EMD expects to expand the availability of the service to other program areas at a future date.

### Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

ES Debbie Katz participated in quarterly staff meetings of the Sacramento Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Interagency Alliance.

### City of Folsom

Supervising ES Tammy Derby and ES Wendy Hoffspiegel met with a representative from the City of Folsom and an environmental consultant to discuss the proposed clean closure of the Folsom Corporation Yard Landfill.

### EMD Documents and Records

Information Technology (IT) staff received a new large format scanner which will enable the Imaging Team to scan large documents; i.e., blueprints, site drawings, etc. for electronic document archiving. Scanning of Solid Waste Program files continues with an expected project completion date of December 2005.

### Environmental Health Report

Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen and Supervising ES Dana Booth provided information for inclusion in the 2005 Environmental Health Report being prepared by the Sacramento Environmental Commission.

### Waste Hauling

ES Wendy Hoffspiegel participated in a meeting with County Code Enforcement Manager Larry Brooks, representatives from the County Dumping Response Team, and representatives from Pennysaver Newspaper to collaborate on the placement of warnings to consumers of waste hauling businesses.

### Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green participated in a workshop to develop a statewide CUPA Regulatory Performance Model guidance document. Chief Green also met with CUPA Program Managers from Los Angeles and San Bernardino and with several Assistant District Attorneys from various California counties to work out settlement strategies for statewide CUPA enforcement cases.

### Geographic Information System (GIS)

IT staff viewed a demonstration of GIS software presented by the National Geographic Maps Division. The software is being considered as a possible routing/mapping resource for Environmental Specialists during field inspections.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission

EMD Director Mel Knight and Administrative Services Officer Linda Jimenez provided staff support to the Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC). October Agenda items included an update on Superfund Sites—Aerojet, McClellan and Mather Air Force Bases, and the Sacramento Army Depot.

### California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Supervising ES Tammy Derby served as a Hearing Officer for a CEQA Public Hearing on the revised Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) for the North Area Recovery Station. ES Cheryl Hawkins provided information regarding the SWFP.

### County Departments

IT Analyst Jim Guilliams and IT Technician Rob Milano met with IT members of the County Probation Department to establish a secure process for connecting tablet PCs to EMD's database server for the upcoming field test of Envision Connect software. IT staff will continue to work on the technical details of the project with Probation IT staff and staff from the County Office of Computer Information and Technology (OCIT).

### High School Lead Curriculum

ES Debbie Katz met with representatives from the Planning and Conservation League, Inc. and professors from California State University, Sacramento, to discuss creation of a science-based high school lead curriculum for teachers in lead-impacted areas.

### Backflow Prevention

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Maria Adney met with representatives from the Sacramento County Building Inspection Division to discuss backflow prevention installation and annual testing protocols.

### Strategic Priorities

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in Countywide Services Agency and Department Head meetings to discuss strategic priorities to share with the County Board of Supervisors.

### Sacramento Fall Home Show

ES Sonia Lee provided information on lead-safe renovation, remodeling, and painting to attendees of the Sacramento Fall Home Show.

Septic Maintenance Districts

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage met with representatives from the County Infrastructure Finance Section and the County Department of Water Quality to discuss Septic Maintenance Districts and other options for new subdivisions.

Illegal Dumping

EMD Director Mel Knight attended a Board of Supervisors Workshop which addressed illegal dumping.

Rebuild Together

ES Debbie Katz provided information regarding lead-safe renovation, remodeling and painting to representatives from Rebuild Together, a community-based non-profit organization that rehabilitates deteriorated housing.

State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

Supervising ES Tammy Derby attended a DTSC Workshop regarding Universal Waste Rule Exemptions due to sunset in February 2006.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

EMD placed a display regarding National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week at the West Entrance to the Lobby of the County Administration Building located at 700 H Street. The display emphasized common sources of lead and ways to protect individuals from lead poisoning.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

EMD Director Mel Knight and Supervising ES Tammy Derby attended a meeting of the County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC).

Nuisance Response Team

EMD Director Knight participated in a Nuisance Response Team meeting.

County Dumping Response Team

Supervising ES Tammy Derby attended a meeting of the County Dumping Response Team.

## **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

Brownsfield Outreach Program

Supervising ES Dana Booth presented information at a Brownsfield Outreach Program conducted by the Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC).

Air Force Real Property Agency

Supervising ES Dana Booth assisted the County Department of Economic Development with a presentation to the Air Force Real Property Agency for McClellan Air Force Base.

Stormwater Compliance

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen presented information on EMD's Stormwater Compliance Program at a luncheon sponsored by an environmental engineering and consulting firm. ES John Lewis also shared information on the Stormwater Compliance Program at a workshop presented by a company which provides products for safety, hazardous materials, and controlled environmental needs.

Septic Systems

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage provided training on septic systems to select ESs in the Department's Consumer Protection Program.

## **TRAINING**

### California Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, and ESs Ken Ballard and Tiffany Beaudry attended the inaugural Conference of the California Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies held in Ontario (CA).

### Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

CMO June Livingston participated in the State REHS Coordinator meeting to discuss recent updates and employee training information.

### Envision User Conference

IT Analyst John Stender, IT Technician Rob Milano and Senior Office Specialist Erin Kennedy participated in an Envision User Conference held in Fresno (CA). A primary focus of the Conference was presentation of new technologies which will enable Environmental Specialists to input inspection information on a tablet PC while in the field.

### Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

EMD Director Mel Knight and other Department staff attended Mandatory AB 1825 Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Sacramento County's Managers and Supervisors.

### Lead-Related Construction Inspection and Assessment Course

ESs Debbie Katz and Sophia Jella passed the Lead-Related Construction Inspection and Assessment Course administered by the California Department of Health Services.

### Golden Guardian Emergency Operations

ES Heather Tanner participated in the final preparation session for the Countywide Golden Guardian Emergency Operations Exercise.

### Courtroom Testimony and Minimum Standards Training

Supervising ES Tammy Derby, ESs Cheryl Hawkins, Wendy Hoffspiegel and Lisa Todd, and Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) Kelley Pryor attended Courtroom Testimony training presented by the County District Attorney's Community Prosecutors Unit. The above staff also attended training on the State Minimum Standards presented by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB).

### Performance Measures

EMD Director Mel Knight and other staff attended County training sessions on the development of performance measures for program management.

## **PERSONNEL**

### Promotions

Karla Gibler was promoted from an ES I to and ES II in the EHD.

Linda Jimenez was promoted from an Executive Secretary to an Administrative Services Officer I in the Director's Office.

Christina Pease was promoted from an ECT 1 (Environmental Compliance Technician) to an ECT II in the HMD.

### New Employees

Shelley Emery was hired as a Office Assistant II in the WPD.

Karen Nelson was hired as the Department Secretary.

**OCTOBER 2005 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>October 2005</b>	<b>Year To Date</b>
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,075	9,070
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	38	760
3.	Farm Labor Camps	0	59
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	15	2,495
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	21	172
6.	Liquid Waste	66	426
7.	Medical Waste	2	71
8.	Small Water Systems	3	56
9.	Wells	131	1,190
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	18	272
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	89	1,002
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	111	1,375
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	38	382
14.	Storm Water	359	1,639
15.	Waste Tire	46	242
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>39</u>	<u>346</u>
	Total	2,051	19,557
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	71	682
2.	Food Borne Illness	19	175
3.	Incident Response	30	358
4.	Storm Water	30	176
5.	Waste Tire	0	67
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>2</u>	<u>16</u>
	Total	152	1,474
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	335	3,373
2.	Monitoring Wells	1	482
3.	Food Facilities	151	1,434
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	53	373
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	22	314
6.	Land Use	<u>17</u>	<u>174</u>
	Total	579	6,150
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	11,787	146,809
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>24</u>	<u>278</u>
	Total	11,811	147,087