



# Environmental Management Department

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*Welcome to the January 2006 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of December 2005. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.*

## **Highlights**

- *EMD Participates In Discussions On Lead Hazard Reduction And Lead-Based Science Curriculum*
- *Hazardous Materials Division Meets To Coordinate New Remediation Oversight Procedures For Properties Contaminated By Meth Lab Activity*
- *Record Reviews Accomplished Electronically*

## **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Countywide Services Agency

Mel Knight, Director  
Environmental Management  
Department

## **NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION**

### Live Interviews

ES Zarha Ruiz conducted two live in-studio interviews in Spanish for Univision Channel 19 relating to the Green, Yellow and Red Placard Notification System and illegal tamale vending.

### National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)

EMD Director Mel Knight, Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston, and former Environmental Health Division Chief Richard Sanchez provided interviews concerning Environmental Health and the Media for the December edition of the *NEHA Journal*.

### Restaurant Closure

Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Alicia Enriquez conducted an interview for UPN Channel 31 Television regarding a local restaurant closure.

### Overview of EMD Programs

CMO June Livingston met with *Sacramento Bee* Reporter Judy Lin to provide an overview of EMD programs and services.

### Emergency Housing Shelter

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy provided information to Kerri Aiello, CMO for the Countywide Services Agency, concerning complaints at an Emergency Housing Shelter.

## **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

### End of Calendar Employee Recognition

EMD held an end of year employee recognition event, recapping the significant Department accomplishments of 2005. The event theme was "EMD Employees Are Good As Gold!"

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

### Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

ESs Lisa Perez, Kevin Smith, Ralph Roberts, David Steele and Patrice Webb conducted two HMP workshops with eleven businesses attending.

### Staff Recruitment

Supervisors in the Consumer Protection Program of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) held interviews to fill Environmental Specialist I/II positions; one candidate has been selected.

### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Three FSE classes were conducted in December with 40 participants representing 14 facilities. Two FSE classes were conducted in English and one in Cantonese.

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION**

### Environmental Health Division Chief

EMD Director Mel Knight, Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green, and Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jenson interviewed prospective candidates for the EHD Chief position. No hiring decision has been made.

### Lead Hazard Reduction and Education

ES Debbie Katz met with private consultants, health educators and representatives from the Planning and Conservation League and Public Health Nursing to devise a lead hazard reduction outreach and education program for the Oak Park, Del Paso and mid-town areas. ES Katz also met with professors from California State University Sacramento and representatives from the Planning and Conservation League to discuss lead-based science curriculum and outreach for student teachers teaching at high school level.

### Well Contamination Issues

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, Supervising ES Dana Booth, and EMD Director Mel Knight met with County Health Officer Glennah Trochet and representatives of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to seek resolution to specific well contamination issues in the south county area.

### Unified Program Administrative Advisory Group (UPAAG)

HMD Chief Dennis Green represented the CUPA Forum Board at a UPAAG meeting held at the headquarters of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA).

### Electronic File Reviews

Forty-one file reviews for various EMD programs were completed during December 2005. The vast majority of file reviews are now accomplished electronically, either with the requester reviewing the site documents on a computer screen at the EMD offices or, more commonly, EMD staff prepares and sends a CD-ROM with the requested documents to the requester.

### Remediation Oversight Procedures

Supervising ES Elise Rothschild and HMD Chief Dennis Green met with Dr. Glennah Trochet, County Health Officer, and officials from the Code Enforcement Agencies of the Cities of Elk Grove and Sacramento to coordinate new remediation oversight procedures for properties contaminated by methamphetamine laboratory activity.

### Document Review and Information Request Policy

A revised Department Document Review and Information Request Policy has been drafted and is expected to be approved and become effective during January 2006. An update is necessary because most documents are now stored and accessed electronically. The updated Policy includes a provision for an expedited response. Once approved, the updated Policy will be posted on the EMD Internet web site.

### National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)

Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez attended an Orientation and Board Meeting for NEHA. Alicia currently serves as a Regional Vice President on the NEHA Board of Directors and represents California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii.

### Lead-Based Science Curriculum

ES Debbie Katz met with professors from California State University Sacramento, and representatives from the Planning and Conservation League to discuss lead-based science curriculum and outreach for student teachers teaching at the high school level.

### Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy represented Sacramento County at a meeting of the Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee held in Alameda County.

### Yolo County Health Officer

EMD Director Mel Knight provided assistance to the Yolo County Health Officer in the selection of a new Director of Environmental Health.

### Water Recycling Advisory Committee

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen participated in the first meeting of the Water Recycling Advisory Committee initiated by the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District to seek input from affected stakeholders on long term and expanded water recycling initiatives being considered by the District.

### Underground Storage Tanks

Supervising ES Dana Booth assisted the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office by providing expert testimony in a trial regarding violation of underground storage tank corrective action regulations.

### Delta Vessel Sanitation

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage participated in a meeting comprised of various local and state agency members to collaborate toward improvement of water quality in the Delta region through a joint vessel sanitation public education program to potentially be funded through available grants.

### Nuisance Response Team

EMD Director Mel Knight participated in the County Nuisance Response Team Cabinet meeting.

### Cross-Connection Program

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage initiated the implementation of the new Cross-Connection Control module for the Envision database. Under the direction of IT Analyst John Stender, the Cross-Connection Program of WPD was the last Department Program to be converted to the Envision tracking system.

Los Angeles County

CMO June Livingston participated in the selection process for the position of Chief Environmental Health Specialist, Environmental Health Division, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

Site Assessment and Mitigation

IT staff met with a Decade Software representative to begin the process of reconciling the Department's Site Assessment and Mitigation data to the State's Geotracker database.

Economic Development

EMD Director Mel Knight met with Deputy County Executive/Economic Development Director Paul Hahn and Business and Environmental Resource Center (BERC) Manager Rob White regarding long-term support and collaboration toward industry assistance.

State Water Resources Control Board

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage attended a public hearing at the State Water Resources Control Board to draft statewide regulations for onsite wastewater treatment systems being promulgated by AB 885.

**TRAINING**

Plan Review Training

ESs Sonia Lee, Renee Manwaring and Manroop Shergill attended a Plan Review Training course held in Elk Grove.

**PERSONNEL**

Promotions

Lea Ragaini was promoted from an ES I to an ES II in the HMD.

New Employees

Dennis Catanyag was hired as an ES III in the EHD.

Sean Daneluk was hired as an ES II in the WPD.

Dennis Karidis was hired as an ES II in the HMD.

Retirement

Anita Wasoski, Document Imaging Team Member, retired after more than 15 years of County service.

Transitions

After four years of exceptional service to Sacramento County, ES and Registered Dairy Inspector Ricky Lawler accepted a position with the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

**DECEMBER 2005 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>December 2005</b>	<b>Year To Date 2005</b>
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	855	10,904
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	42	818
3.	Farm Labor Camps	0	60
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	2	2,501
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	37	222
6.	Liquid Waste	61	541
7.	Medical Waste	25	102
8.	Small Water Systems	1	64
9.	Wells	93	1,385
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	23	306
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	74	1,167
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	97	1,589
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	40	450
14.	Storm Water	223	2,168
15.	Waste Tire	11	275
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>29</u>	<u>399</u>
	Total	1,613	22,951
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	64	812
2.	Food Borne Illness	12	207
3.	Incident Response	52	443
4.	Storm Water	17	208
5.	Waste Tire	0	67
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>21</u>
	Total	146	1,758
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	311	3,990
2.	Monitoring Wells	35	566
3.	Food Facilities	119	1,672
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	20	424
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	12	335
6.	Land Use	<u>22</u>	<u>212</u>
	Total	519	7,199
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	12,606	170,455
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>41</u>	<u>351</u>
	Total	12,647	170,806