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

Highlights

- *Significant EMD Activities To Expedite Methamphetamine Drug Lab Cleanups*
- *Field Testing Of Web-Based Computerized Inspection System Begins*
- *EMD Hires Seven New Staff Members*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Board Approves Changes to EMD Ordinances

On April 25, 2006, Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green successfully presented two recommended changes to EMD's Fee Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors. The approved changes include deletion of the fee charged to businesses that store hazardous materials in consumer packaged products and the establishment of a cost recovery fee relating to the oversight for remediation of properties contaminated by methamphetamine laboratory activities.

County Acknowledges Volunteerism

Environmental Specialist (ES) Ray Fontanilla was honored by the Board of Supervisors for his volunteer work with EMD.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Methamphetamine Drug Laboratories

Communications and Media Officer (CMO) June Livingston responded to a call from Reporter Steve Milne from Radio Station KXJZ regarding an EMD on methamphetamine drug laboratories sent to the Board of Supervisors.

Restaurant Inspections

CMO June Livingston was contacted by Stephanie Flores, Assistant Editor, *Natomas Journal*, regarding the possibility of an ongoing article relating to restaurant inspections in the Natomas area.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Employee Recognition Event

The Environmental Health Division (EHD) held its semi-annual Employee Recognition Event. Several staff members were acknowledged for their contributions toward training the Department's Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) candidates.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Boating, Hiking and Camping

EMD has posted food safety fact sheets relative to boating, hiking and camping on both the County and EMD websites. To view the fact sheets go to <http://www.saccounty.net> and click on boating, hiking, camping within bullet #3 or go to <http://www.emd.saccounty.net> and click on Food Safety While Boating.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

ESs Christine Abad, Victor Anyeneh, Robert Duncan, Derek Jacks, Kevin Smith, David Steele, and Patrice Webb conducted two HMP workshops with nineteen businesses in attendance.

Field Inspection and Criteria Document

Several ESs from the EHD Consumer Protection Program participated in mock inspections at various food establishments to test the Field Inspection and Criteria Document being developed for the Color-Coded Placard Program in Sacramento County. Members of the EMD/Retail Food Industry Working Group participated by allowing EMD to use their facilities for the mock inspections. The Document was prepared by members of the EHD Food Team and submitted to the EMD/Retail Food Industry Working Group.

Commercial Recycling Ordinance

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green presented information before the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority (SWA) outline EMD's proposed role in the implementation of a new Commercial Recycling Ordinance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Seven FSE classes were conducted in April with 81 participants representing 21 facilities. One class was conducted in four languages—English, Spanish, Cantonese and Mandarin; three classes were conducted in English; one class was conducted in Spanish; and two classes were conducted in Cantonese.

Earth Day

ESs Derek Jacks, Douglas Osborn, and Dave Steele hosted a booth at the Earth Day Celebration held at CSU Sacramento and distributed information relative to EMD programs and services. Information was also provided regarding lead-safe remodeling, imported candy, and other potential sources of lead poisoning.

Compliance Conferences

EHD held Compliance Conferences with eight food facility operators due to ongoing major violations.

Public Health Week

CMO June Livingston participated, with representatives from the State Department of Health Services, in Public Health Week festivities held at the State Capitol. The festivities highlighted the field of Environmental Health and, specifically, EMD's programs and services.

Fortune Festival

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ESs David Chan, Ray Fontanilla, Sonia Lee, Kelley Pryor and Mandip Singh provided information on food safety and on the proposed Green, Yellow, Red Placard System in Chinese and English at the Fortune Festival held on Stockton Boulevard.

Staff Recruitment

ESs Sonia Lee and Mary Ellen Oetzel, UCD Alumni, participated in the spring Career Fair held at the University of California, Davis. ESs David Wong, CSU Fresno Alumnus, and Jeff Czaplá also participated in a Career Fair held at CSU Fresno. Information relative to EMD employment opportunities was distributed at both Fairs.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Testimony Presented Before Assembly Committees

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green provided information relating to AB 2587 (Methamphetamine Contaminated Properties, Mobile Homes, and Recreational Vehicles) before the State Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials and the Housing and Community Development Committee.

University of California, Davis (UCD)

EMD Director Mel Knight met with Dr. Glennah Trochet, Sacramento County Public Health Officer, and representatives from County DHHS and UC Davis regarding planning for a School of Public Health at UCD.

Scanning of HR Documents

Senior Information Technology (IT) Analyst Jim Guilliams collaborated with the County Office of Information Technology (OCIT) to complete configuration of Document Scanning and Imaging Software in preparation for a project to scan old timesheets and personnel files.

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)

Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez participated in a meeting of the NEHA Board of Directors. Ms. Enriquez serves as a NEHA Board Member representing California, Hawaii, Nevada and Arizona.

Envision Connect Software

Senior IT Analysts Jim Guilliams and John Stender participated in the first of many ride-along sessions with EHD staff to field test the new Envision Connect Web-Based Inspection Tracking Software.

Fire Safety Requirements

Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos and Kelly McCoy met with representatives from the Sacramento City Fire Department to discuss fire safety requirements for food booths at temporary events/street fairs.

Geographic Information System (GIS)

IT Manager Geoff Marsh shared information about on-site septic system locations with staff from the Municipal Services Agency at a meeting of the Countywide GIS User Group. In April, EMD updated the census tract, city code and parcel number field information for all active facilities in inventory using GIS data.

Meeting With Grocery Chain

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy met with representatives from a large grocery chain to provide an update on program activities and forthcoming legislative initiatives.

Network Administrators

IT Manager Geoff Marsh, Senior IT Analyst Jim Guilliams, and IT Analyst Rob Milano attended the quarterly meeting of the Sacramento County Network Administrators User Group.

Fish Advisory

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos and Dr. Glennah Trochet, Public Health Officer, attended a meeting of the CalEPA Fish Consumption Advisory Group to receive information on Consumer Advisories for the Consumnes River. Mr. Barcellos also met with the Local Stakeholders Advisory Group for the Fish Mercury Project.

Decade Software Company

Senior IT Analyst John Stender participated in meetings of the Decade Client Technical Support User Group which was formed to assist Decade in evaluating their level of technical support and client satisfaction.

Bioterrorism and Related Activities

Supervising ES Alicia Enriquez participated in a biweekly meeting held at the County Department of Health and Human Services to discuss bioterrorism issues and other related activities.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Mel Knight and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the April meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Presentation of Plaque to Outgoing Commission Member; (2) Presentation of Environmental Excellence Awards; and (3) Update on West Nile Virus.

Pool and Spa Service Association

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos and ES Colleen Maitoza met with members of the Elk Grove Chapter of the Independent Pool and Spa Service Association (IPSSA) to discuss minor remodel plan check for public pools and spas.

Sacramento Area Water Works Association (SAWWA)

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Chris Hunley presented information regarding EMD's Cross-Connection Control Program at the quarterly meeting of SAWWA.

Rancho Cordova City Hall

ES Debbie Katz collaborated with the staff from the County Code Enforcement Division to provide information on the Department's lead program at the Grand Opening Ceremony for Rancho Cordova City Hall.

Sacramento County Water Agency

Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen, Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Chris Hunley met with representatives of the Sacramento County Water Agency to discuss collaboration on the Recycled Water and Cross-Connection Control Programs.

TRAINING

Methamphetamine Legislation

Supervising ES Elise Rothschild and ES Mark Trask conducted a training course on AB 1078, newly passed legislation relating to properties contaminated by methamphetamine drug lab activities, for staff of the UCD Extension Program.

Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

ESs Eric Haupt, Jason Smalley and Felicia Williams passed the State Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) exam. They are the Department's first REHS Training Program candidates to take and pass the multi-disciplinary exam which covers a wide range of topics in the field of Environmental Health.

California State Department of Health Services

ES Cheryl Hawkins represented the Department at the Annual Local Primacy Agency Conference sponsored by the State Department of Health Services.

Envision Training

Senior IT Analyst John Stender presented basic Envision training for eight new EMD employees. Mr. Stender also conducted program-specific training for employees working with Small Water Systems.

Well/Septic Permitting Process

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage presented information on EMD's well and septic permitting process to Building Inspectors from the City of Sacramento.

Foodborne Disease

EHD staff attended a training session on Foodborne Disease Microbiology presented by Bob Greenhalgh, REHS, EMD Food Safety Specialist.

Brownfield Assessment

Supervising ES Dana Booth participated in the California Department of Toxic Substances Control Workshop on Brownfield Assessment and Evaluation.

Nitrate In California's Groundwater Conference

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage, and ES David Von Aspern participated in the Groundwater Resources Association's "Nitrate In California's Groundwater" Conference.

Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC)

Supervising ES Dana Booth provided assistance at two BERC Workshops on Brownfield Reuse.

Post Closure Landfill Gas

ESs Wendy Hoffspiegel, Brion McGinness, and Lisa Todd participated in a two-day seminar on Post Closure Landfill Gas issues sponsored by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB).

California Water Environment Association

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and ES John Lewis presented stormwater information at the annual California Water Environment Conference held in Sacramento (CA).

PERSONNELNew Employees

Amanda Hakim was hired as an Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) I in HMD.

Jennifer Hermreck was hired as a Senior Office Assistant (SOA) in WPD.

Christopher Hunley was hired as an Environmental Specialist (ES) III in WPD.

Mark Prayter was hired as a SOA in IT.

David Von Aspern was hired as an ES III in WPD.

Michael White was hired as an ECT II in HMD.

Delette Ziegelmann-Jackson was hired as a Clerical Supervisor II in IT.

Promotions

Geri Brown was promoted from a SOA to a Senior Office Specialist (SOS) in HMD.

Eric Haupt was promoted from an ES I to an ES II in EHD.

Kathy Lui was promoted from an Account Clerk III to an Accounting Technician in Finance.

Jason Smalley was promoted from an ES I to an ES II in EHD.

Felicia Williams was promoted from an ES I to and ES II in EHD.

APRIL 2006 BY THE NUMBERS

		April 2006	Year To Date 2006
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	879	3,966
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	0	0
3.	Farm Labor Camps	1	12
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	20	32
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	21	75
6.	Liquid Waste	11	121
7.	Medical Waste	3	24
8.	Small Water Systems	0	6
9.	Wells	57	273
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	15	61
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	82	342
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	111	447
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	43	139
14.	Storm Water	285	1,109
15.	Waste Tire	21	21
16.	Tobacco Retailer	30	186
	Total	1,579	6,814
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	69	309
2.	Food Borne Illness	13	70
3.	Incident Response	67	178
4.	Storm Water	14	79
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	3	8
	Total	166	644
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	9	44
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	297	1,142
2.	Monitoring Wells	36	150
3.	Food Facilities	127	520
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	38	134
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	30	91
6.	Land Use	21	79
	Total	549	2,116
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	9,414	42,381
2.	Public Record Reviews	31	121
	Total	9,445	42,502