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

Highlights

- *“Awards of Excellence” In Food Safety Presented At Board Of Supervisors Meeting*
- *Green/Yellow/Red Placard Outreach And Training*
- *Stormwater Compliance Training Presented At Conferences*
- *EMD Passes Milestone Of 15,000 Inspections Completed Year To Date*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Food Safety Education Month

EMD Director Mel Knight, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising Environmental Specialists (ESs) Mark Barcellos, Kelly McCoy, and Zarha Ruiz, ESs Sonia Lee and Jannine Talusik, Food Safety Specialist Bob Greenhalgh, and Business Citizen Assistance Representative June Livingston joined the Board of Supervisors in declaring September as “Food Safety Education Month in Sacramento County.”

Food Safety “Awards of Excellence”

In coordination with Food Safety Education Month, EHD staff and members of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors presented more than 500 “Awards of Excellence” to retail food facilities exhibiting exemplary food safety practices.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems

Supervising ES Steve Kavelage was interviewed by a reporter from the *Sacramento Business Journal* regarding new State regulations on Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems and the estimated impact of the regulations to consumers and County staff

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in September with 99 participants representing 33 facilities. Two FSE classes were conducted in Spanish; two in English; and one in Cantonese.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP Workshops were held with 7 businesses attending.

How To Get A Green

EMD Food Safety Specialist Bob Greenhalgh and ES Jannine Talusik finalized the curriculum for the "How To Get A Green" classes that will be offered, free of charge, to regulated food facilities beginning in October 2006.

Color-Coded Placarding

EHD staff conducted public outreach pertaining to the upcoming Green/Yellow/Red Placarding at several area supermarkets and various Certified Farmers Markets.

Pandemic Flu

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos and Administrative Services Officer (ASO III) Kim Smith, attended Pandemic Flu Continuity Operations training presented by the County Department of Health and Human Services and the County Emergency Operations Office.

Elk Grove Unified School District

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy met with members of the Elk Grove USD food program to discuss their Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) program and on-site food sales.

Staff Recruitment

ESs Eric Haupt and Jason Smalley provided information on EMD employment opportunities at a Career Fair held at California State University, Sacramento.

Food Safety Work Group

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy chaired a Food Safety Work Group meeting which convened to discuss the Food Safety classes and the Draft Field Inspection Guide.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Recruitment Material Development

EMD Director Mel Knight assisted the Department of Human Resources in developing materials for the Department Head recruitment as well as for the recruitment of the EH Division Chief.

Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Syringes

Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ES Cheryl Hawkins met with Dr. Glennah Trochet, County Health Officer, and other Public Health staff to discuss the new City of Sacramento Ordinance authorizing pharmacy sales of syringes. The attendees are working on an educational brochure detailing the new City Ordinance and the proper disposal of home generated syringes in Sacramento County. The finalized brochure is scheduled for public distribution later in the year.

Sacramento Area Water Works Association (SAWWA)

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Chris Hunley met with members of the SAWWA Backflow Committee to discuss updating the agreement between EMD and SAWWA.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Department Administrative Services Officer (ASO I) Linda Jimenez provided staff support to the September meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) Update on Sacramento Flood Planning; (2) Update on Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program; and (3) Update on Recycled Water Program.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

California Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies

ESs Ken Ballard and John Lewis made presentations on EMD's Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program at the Annual Conference of the California Association of Stormwater Quality Agencies.

Meth Lab Remediation Action

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild presented information on the implementation of AB 1078 (Met Lab Remediation Act) at a statewide training session.

Lead Presentations

Staff from EMD's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and the Lead Hazard Reduction and Enforcement Programs provided incentives and information at several outreach sessions held during Public Health Week and at Career Days.

Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC)

ES John Lewis presented a Stormwater Compliance Workshop at the BERC P2 Event held at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District.

Foodborne Illness Prevention

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy presented information on the Department's Food Enhancement Program and Foodborne Illness Prevention to representatives from a major restaurant chain and the California Department of Transportation.

Historic Windows Workshop

ES Debbie Katz presented information on lead-safe renovations at the Historic Windows Workshop held on September 23 and 24.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Continuing Challenge

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild and ESs Christine Abad, Ryan Artz, Robert Duncan, Doug Osborn and Heather Tanner participated in the Annual Continuing Challenge Training Conference.

California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Mel Knight and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez participated in the CCDEH Annual Conference. Director Knight presented information related to environmental health workforce development. Program Manager Enriquez presented information on consumer food safety collaboration with the UC Cooperative Extension.

National Groundwater Resources Association

ES David Von Aspern attended the National Groundwater Resources Association Conference.

Mercury Lamp Handling

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild attended a class relating to Mercury Lamp Handling requirements sponsored by the State Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC).

Hazardous Waste Tracking

ESs Christine Abad, Sophia Jella, Joseph Jimenez, Dennis Karidis, and Jonathan Pollack attended DTSC-sponsored training on the Hazardous Waste Tracking System.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Ray Fontanilla was promoted from an ES I to an ES II in EHD.
Amanda Hakim was promoted from an Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) II to an ES I in HMD.
Rupinder Singh was promoted from an ES I to an ES II in EHD.

New Employees

Yalew Kebede was hired on a temporary assignment as an ES III in the HMD.
Sharon Merker was hired as an ECT II in the HMD.

SEPTEMBER 2006 BY THE NUMBERS

		September 2006	Year To Date 2006
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	933	7,546
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	0	0
3.	Farm Labor Camps	1	52
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	190	2,435
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	13	134
6.	Liquid Waste	29	306
7.	Medical Waste	2	46
8.	Small Water Systems	2	29
9.	Wells	58	763
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	8	148
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	67	661
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	87	817
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	42	346
14.	Storm Water	195	1,999
15.	Waste Tire	0	185
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>84</u>	<u>353</u>
	Total	1,711	15,820
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	102	823
2.	Food Borne Illness	2	178
3.	Incident Response	35	398
4.	Storm Water	5	144
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>
	Total	145	1,558
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	19	117
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	260	2,836
2.	Monitoring Wells	37	394
3.	Food Facilities	93	1,129
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	40	304
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	16	150
6.	Land Use	<u>8</u>	<u>145</u>
	Total	454	4,958
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,417	123,990
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>24</u>	<u>269</u>
	Total	10,441	124,259