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Welcome to the January 2007 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of December 2006. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.

Highlights

- *Green/Yellow/Red Color-Coded Placarding System Unveiled To The Media*
- *Hazardous Materials Business Plan Workshops Continue*
- *430 Attendees Participate In "How To Get A Green" Workshops*
- *EMD Meets With Representatives From The State Water Resources Control Board And The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board*

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NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Color-Coded Placarding System

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez conducted several interviews with television, radio and newspaper representatives concerning the January 2, 2007 launch of the color-coded placard system for restaurants, markets, school cafeterias and other retail food facilities for. Interviews were provided to KFBK Radio, National Public Radio, Television Channels 13/31, *The Sacramento Bee*, and the *Sacramento Business Journal*. Environmental Specialist (ES) Sonia Lee, was accompanied by Tamara Keith, KQED Radio, on a ride-along inspection at a local fast food establishment in order to observe the inspection process and the new requirements for posting of color-coded placard.

Press Releases Disseminated

With assistance from June Livingston, Business Citizen Assistance Representative, Business Environmental Resource Center, Kerri Aiello and Laura McCasland, County Communications and Media Officers, information was disseminated to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and to the media publicizing the color-coded placarding system.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in December with 71 participants representing 14 facilities. Two FSE classes were conducted in Cantonese and three in Spanish.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Environmental Specialists (ESs) Sophia Jellá, Joe Jimenez, Lisa Perez, Jonathan Pollack and Kevin Smith conducted two HMP Workshops with 14 businesses in attendance.

“How To Get A Green” Workshops

Twenty “How To Get A Green” Workshops were held during the month of December with 430 attendees. Fourteen classes were conducted in English; 4 classes were conducted in Spanish; one class was conducted in Cantonese; and one class was conducted in Korean.

Illegal Disposal of Hazardous Waste

HMD Chief Dennis Green and HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild continued to meet with operators of area Transfer Stations and Landfills to discuss a cooperative program to reduce illegal disposal of hazardous waste.

Color-Coded Placarding

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy participated in meetings with the Old Sacramento Merchants Association to discuss implementation of the Green-Yellow-Red Placarding System. EMD Management and Supervising ESs in EHD also participated in the EMD Food Industry Working Group meeting to discuss the placarding system.

Asian Pacific Islander Group

June Livingston, Business Citizen Assistance Representative, Business Environmental Resource Center, participated in a meeting with the Asian Pacific Islander Public Affairs Group to discuss the Green-Yellow-Red Placarding System.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Pandemic Flu

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos participated in a Pandemic Flu Business Continuity Plan Coordinator meeting in order to prepare for implementation of a Departmental Flu Continuity Plan.

EHD Dispatch Center Initiated

Information Technology (IT) staff created procedures for EMD’s Document Management/Imaging Team in order to facilitate immediate posting of placard changes to the Department’s website upon notice to the recently installed Dispatch Center.

Sheldon Hills Sewage Maintenance District

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage participated in a meeting of the County Board of Supervisors and shared information on the formation of a new Sewage Maintenance District.

IT Security Audit

IT staff completed a physical inventory of Department computer equipment as the initial step in a multi-step IT security audit.

State Waste Tire Program

Supervising ES Marie Woodin, ES Derek Jacks, and Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) Mike Simpson met with representatives from San Joaquin County to discuss implementation of the State Waste Tire Program. Supervising ES Marie Woodin also met with staff from the City of Modesto to discuss the Waste Tire Program.

Technology Support

IT staff provided equipment and assistance for thirty-one meetings/workshops held during the month of December.

Restaurant Scoring

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez participated in a meeting with members from other California jurisdictions to discuss restaurant scoring.

eQUIP Software

IT staff installed eQUIP software on all staff computers in the Hazardous Materials Division. The software is used to electronically add documents to EMD's Document Imaging System.

Programs Related to the WPD

EMD Director Val Siebal and WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen met with the Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board and the Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to discuss programs related to the WPD.

EMD Website Update

IT staff prepared Inspection Codes and the Department's website for implementation of the Green-Yellow-Red Placarding program. IT staff also created new web pages for the WPD Cross-Connection and Wells Programs.

Bay Area Swimming Pool Committee

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza participated in a Bay Area Swimming Pool Committee meeting to discuss the proposed new pool code.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI)

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild presented information on incident response funding and how EMD assists Battalion Chiefs from the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District during hazardous Materials incidents at a CSTI Command Class.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Supervisor Training

Supervising ESs Chris Pace and Marie Woodin attended a training class on tools and methods used in the supervision of staff.

WPD Staff Attended Training

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ESs Jack Bellan, Cheryl Hawkins, Faith King, Terry Kociemba, John Lewis, and Susan Williams attended training on soil-texturing, advanced on-site sewage treatment system designs and changes in State regulations.

Incident Command Training

ESs Ryan Artz, Robert Duncan, Doug Osborn, Kevin Smith, David Steele and Heather Tanner attended an Incident Command Training Class.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Sothea Chhang was promoted from an Account Clerk III to an Accounting Technician.
Colleen Maitoza was promoted from an ES III to an ES IV in EHD.
Kelley Pryor was promoted from an ES I to an ES II in EHD.

New Employees

Eugene Abelardo was hired as a Senior Office Assistant in WPD.
Matthew Mulcahy was hired as an ES I in HMD.

DECEMBER 2006 BY THE NUMBERS

		December 2006	Year To Date 2006
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	1,000	10,716
2.	Dairy (including dairy farms and soft serve)	0	0
3.	Farm Labor Camps	0	53
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	3	2,475
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	42	203
6.	Liquid Waste	29	410
7.	Medical Waste	12	78
8.	Small Water Systems	3	37
9.	Wells	62	1,010
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	8	179
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	60	862
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	73	1,058
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	56	489
14.	Storm Water	135	2,510
15.	Waste Tire	4	194
16.	Tobacco Retailer	<u>31</u>	<u>474</u>
	Total	1,518	20,748
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	126	1,134
2.	Food Borne Illness	0	179
3.	Incident Response	39	516
4.	Storm Water	13	210
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>
	Total	178	2,064
	<u>Closures</u>		
1.	Food Facilities	15	153
	<u>Plan and Permit Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	341	3,949
2.	Monitoring Wells	30	509
3.	Food Facilities	85	1,421
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	9	365
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	12	216
6.	Land Use	<u>14</u>	<u>182</u>
	Total	491	6,642
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	11,529	163,202
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>27</u>	<u>334</u>
	Total	11,556	163,536