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

Highlights

- *EMD Program Managers Elise Rothschild And Alicia Enriquez Complete Sacramento County Leadership Academy*
- *Water Protection Division Presents Small Public Water System Workshops*
- *EMD Director Meets With Chamber of Commerce*
- *Stormwater Compliance Workshops Presented By Water Protection Division*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)

The California Department of Health Services held a Program Monitoring and Improvement Visit and reviewed EMDs Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Environmental Specialists (ESs) Debbie Katz and Sonia Lee received positive reviews and praise from the State for their work on the CLPPP.

County Leadership Academy

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Program Manager Elise Rothschild and Environmental Health Division (EHD) Program Manager Alicia Enriquez completed the 22-week course of the Sacramento County Leadership Academy and were members of the inaugural graduating class.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce

EMD Director Val Siebal met with representatives from the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce to discuss various EMD programs that may affect their businesses.

Compliance Assistance Bulletin (CAB)

EMD distributed an informational CAB to over 5,500 retail food facility permittees regarding changes to the California Retail Food Code which became effective July 1, 2007.

Nuisance Reponse Team

EMD Director Val Siebal participated in a meeting of the County Nuisance Response Team.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

ESs Ryan Artz, Michelle Blair, Amanda Hakim, Derek Jacks, Lisa Perez, Bob Price, Joseph Jimenez, Matthew Mulcahy and Jeni VanDusen conducted two HMP workshops with 11 businesses in attendance.

Small Water System Workshops

ES Cheryl Hawkins presented information to small public water systems representatives within Sacramento County. Representatives from 150+ small water systems participated in the workshops.

"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops

Three "How To Get A Green" Workshops were held during the month of June with 67 attendees. Two workshops were held in English and one workshop was held in Spanish.

Stormwater Workshops

To prepare for the second three-year Stormwater inspection cycle, ESs John Lewis, Sean Daneluk and Lea Gibson distributed informational letters to all businesses in the program. Four industry specific workshops were held wherein presentations focused on common violations and how to correct them. The workshops, which targeted stormwater compliance at restaurants, automotive businesses, General Permit businesses, nurseries, and kennels were so well received that four additional workshops were held. A total of 147 attendees participated in the workshops.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Six FSE classes were conducted in June with 70 participants representing 19 facilities. Three classes were conducted in Spanish; two classes were conducted in English; and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Official Inspection Report (OIR)

The Environmental Health Division (EHD) revised its OIR for retail food facilities to accommodate the new California Retail Food Code (CalCode).

Bay Area Medical Waste Advisory Board

ESs Anne Frey-Peters and Mary Ellen Oetzel attended a meeting of the Bay Area Medical Waste Advisory Group.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the June meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) A presentation from the Agricultural Commission on the decline of honey bees; (2) A presentation on dark skies; and (3) A presentation from the City of Sacramento on the Draft Sustainability Master Plan.

Food Industry Working Group

EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, and Supervising ES Zarha Ruiz participated in an EMD Food Industry Working Group meeting to discuss changes to the California Retail Food Code (CalCode).

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Medical Waste Handling

ESs Anne Frey-Peters and Mary Ellen Oetzel presented information on medical waste handling, disposal procedures and regulations to the nursing staff of the Warren Thornton State Correctional Facility.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Underground Storage Tank (UST) Training

ES Jonathan Pollack completed an Advanced UST Inspector training course presented by the California Water Resources Control Board.

Director Accompanied Staff

EMD Director Val Siebal continued to accompany staff on routine inspections of regulated facilities.

California Retail Food Code (CalCode)

A series of staff training sessions were held in order to discuss implementation of the CalCode. Code changes and standardization procedures were reviewed for consistency in inspections.

CIWMB Tour

ESs Brion McGinness and Mary Ellen Oetzel attended a Field Inspector and Northern California Landfill Tour hosted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB).

Pool Training

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza and ES Mandip Singh attended advanced pool hydraulics training provided by the Northern Recreational Health Technical Advisory Committee of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH).

Pharmaceutical Waste

ESs Ryan Artz and Mary Ellen Oetzel completed a pharmaceutical waste training seminar conducted by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)

EHD Chief John Rogers and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez participated in the 71st Annual Conference of the NEHA. Program Manager Enriquez presented information on the Department's color-coded placard system and served on a panel that discussed staff development, training, and recruitment in Sacramento County.

Clandestine Lab Safety

ES Doug Osborn completed training on Clandestine Lab Safety presented by the Network Environmental Specialist (NES).

PERSONNELPromotions

Judy Andrade was promoted to an ES I in EHD.
Ray Fontanilla was promoted to an ES III in EHD
Lea Gibson was promoted to an ES II in WPD.
Jonathan Pollack was promoted to an ES II in HMD.
Ajay Sharma was promoted to an ES I in EHD.
Mandip Singh was promoted to an ES III in EHD.
Rupinder Singh was promoted to an ES III in EHD.
Jeni VanDusen was promoted to an ES III in HMD.

New Employees

Bo Faustino was hired as an ES II in EHD.
Joanne Zhao was hired as a Senior Student Intern in EHD.

JUNE 2007 BY THE NUMBERS

		June 2007	To Date* FY 2006-07
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	885	4,734
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	134	678
	C. Red – Closed	11	45
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection	1,321	12,658
2.	Farm Labor Camps	5	58
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	168	1,710
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	11	195
5.	Liquid Waste	30	462
6.	Medical Waste	5	71
7.	Small Water Systems	3	31
8.	Wells	82	1,006
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	15	198
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	80	857
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	124	1,115
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	48	544
13.	Storm Water	143	1,755
14.	Waste Tire	88	759
15.	Tobacco Retailer	20	457
	Total	2,143	21,876
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	90	1,152
2.	Food Borne Illness	29	195
3.	Incident Response	53	545
4.	Storm Water	18	271
5.	Waste Tire	0	4
6.	Childhood Lead	2	23
	Total	192	2,190
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	70	939
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	11	140
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	67	3,136
	Total	148	4,215
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	390	4,467
2.	Monitoring Wells	36	502
3.	Food Facilities	103	1,116
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	61	403
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	13	190
6.	Land Use	4	168
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	1,910	17,840
	Total	2,517	24,686
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,688	164,758
2.	Public Record Reviews	24	338
	Total	10,712	165,096

*Numbers reflect Inspections, Investigations, etc. from July 2006 to present.