



8475 Jackson Road, Suite 200 • Sacramento, CA 95826 • (916) 875-8444 • FAX (916) 875-8588

August 2007

Volume 6, Number 8

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

Highlights

- *Hazardous Materials Division Returns Fine And Penalty Revenues To Compliant Businesses*
- *Board of Supervisors Adopted Resolution Authorizing Execution Of Building Lease*
- *Environmental Health Division Provides Media With Status Report On Color-Coded Placarding*
- *EMD Holds End Of Fiscal Year Recognition Event*
- *Local Health Agencies Assume Regulatory Responsibility Of Food Operations At Licensed Health Care Facilities*

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Roger Dickinson, 1st District
 Jimmie Yee, 2nd District
 Susan Peters, 3rd District
 Roberta MacGlashan, 4th District
 Don Nottoli, 5th District

Terry Schutten, County Executive

Penelope Clarke, Administrator
 Countywide Services Agency

Val F. Siebal, Director
 Environmental Management
 Department

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Businesses Rewarded For Compliance

Under a policy approved by the Board of Supervisors, EMD's Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) may return fine and penalty revenue collected through enforcement actions to compliant businesses and facilities after the Director determines contingencies and a prudent reserve has been addressed. It is believed that this innovative program is the only program of its type in California.

Penalty revenue is distributed, by program, as an offset appearing on the Department's annual fee invoice. Approximately \$132,000 will be distributed during fiscal year 2007-08. The policy was initiated in July 2005 and at the conclusion of fiscal 2006-07 offsets totaling approximately \$580,000 have been provided to eligible businesses. This policy, which is a positive motivation to comply with environmental regulatory requirements, has received a very favorable response from the business community.

Board Authorizes Lease Execution

On July 17, 2007, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution authorizing the County's Chief Real Estate Agent to execute a 10-year lease agreement for a 35,855 square foot building at the Mather Commerce Center in behalf of the Department.

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Color-Coded Placarding System

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Program Manager Alicia Enriquez conducted interviews with Radio Stations KFBK, KQED, and Capitol Radio (NPR), and *The Sacramento Bee* in order to provide a status report on color-coded placarding indicating that compliance is higher than expected in the first six months of the program. An article appeared in *The Sacramento Bee* newspaper highlighting the success of the program.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

End of Fiscal Year Employee Recognition

EMD held an "End of Fiscal Year" employee recognition event to celebrate Department accomplishments for fiscal year 2006-07. EMD Director Val Siebal distributed Department Awards to County "Stars of Excellence" runner-up recipients and thanked EHD staff for completing food inspections for the color-coded placarding system within the six-month time period originally set. Director Siebal also recognized all Department staff for their efforts in meeting EMD's mission.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops

Three "How To Get A Green" Workshops were held during the month of July with 113 attendees. All of the workshops were held in English.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Environmental Specialists (ESs) Amanda Hakin, Derek Jacks, Matthew Mulcahy, Doug Osborn and Dennis Karidis conducted an HMP workshop with eight businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Three FSE classes were conducted in June with 31 participants representing 8 facilities. One class was conducted in Spanish; one class was conducted in English; and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Transfer of McClellan AFB

Water Protection Division (WPD) Program Manager Dana Booth met with representatives from the County Economic Development Department and McClellan Business Park (MBP) to begin discussions regarding the transfer of the former McClellan Air Force Base from the Air Force to MBP for the privatized remediation of the contaminated property.

Licensed Health Care Facilities

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez and Supervising ES Kelly McCoy participated in an out of county workshop addressing Licensed Health Care Facilities. As part of the new California Retail Food Code (Cal Code) requirements, food operations at Licensed Health Care Facilities (LHCF) now fall under the jurisdiction of local health agencies. EMD will hold a workshop for more than 50 LHCF operators in September to review the new requirements. LHCF will now be regularly inspected by EMD staff.

Conversion Of Septic Systems

EMD Director Val Siebal and WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen met with representatives from County Sanitation District I (CSD I) and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to discuss CSD I's retention of consultant services to evaluate areas for potential conversion from septic systems to public sewers and to provide financing options. Close cooperation continues between CSD I and EMD.

Childhood Lead Poisoning

ES Debbie Katz attended a meeting on Northern California Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and shared outreach materials utilized by the Department.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the July meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items covered climate change in Sacramento and included presentations by the: (1) Union of Concerned Scientists; (2) Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District; (3) City of Sacramento; (4) County of Sacramento; and (5) Sacramento Municipal Utility District. Supervisor Roger Dickinson attended the meeting.

Cockfighting Operation

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage provided a fly and rodent breeding evaluation in order to assist local and state agencies in an enforcement action against a cockfighting operation.

Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos, Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz, and ES Sonia Lee participated in a meeting of the EMD Food Industry Working Group to discuss California Retail Food Code (Cal Code) changes and to remind the Group that Consultant Mee Ling Tung will attend the next meeting in order to discuss her review of the EMD Food Program.

Information Technology Assistance

IT staff updated and implemented new Violation Codes within EMDs database in order to meet new Cal Code standards. IT staff also provided labels for a large scale mailing to businesses within the Business Recycling Program and updated the Department's web page in preparation for fiscal year 2007-08.

Butte County

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage attended a meeting of the Butte County Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee in order to determine if consideration should be given to the formation of a similar group during development of a revised ordinance for the County of Sacramento.

STAFF PRESENTATIONSStaff Presentations At Recognition Event

ES Susan Williams provided information on the WPD Well Destruction Program; Environmental Compliance Technician Victoria Krohn presented information on the HMD Business Recycling Program; and Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza shared information on Pool Safety, Pool Inspections, and Recreational Water Illnesses at the Department's End of Fiscal Year Recognition Event.

EMPLOYEE TRAININGDirector Continues To Accompany Staff On Inspections

EMD Director Val Siebal accompanied staff on a fly and rodent complaint response, a swimming pool inspection and a waste tire inspection.

Sampling and Evidence Collection

ESs Ryan Artz, Robert Duncan, Sophia Jella', Doug Osborn, David Steele, and Heather Tanner completed training on Sampling and Evidence Collection.

Business Emergency Response Training

EMD Director Val Siebal participated in Business Emergency Response Training.

PERSONNELPromotions

Kristin Ledbetter was promoted to a Senior Office Specialist in EHD.

JULY 2007 BY THE NUMBERS

		July 2007	To Date FY 2007-08
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	219	219
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	32	32
	C. Red – Closed	7	7
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection	398	398
2.	Farm Labor Camps	18	18
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	724	724
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	10	10
5.	Liquid Waste	37	37
6.	Medical Waste	9	9
7.	Small Water Systems	5	5
8.	Wells	108	108
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	9	9
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	83	83
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	112	112
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	38	38
13.	Storm Water	115	115
14.	Waste Tire	56	56
15.	Tobacco Retailer	3	3
16.	Commercial Recycling	84	84
	Total	1,809	1,809
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	76	76
2.	Food Borne Illness	32	32
3.	Incident Response	59	59
4.	Storm Water	17	17
5.	Waste Tire	1	1
6.	Childhood Lead	1	1
	Total	186	186
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	31	31
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	8	8
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	113	113
	Total	152	152
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	454	454
2.	Monitoring Wells	51	51
3.	Food Facilities	83	83
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	26	26
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	15	15
6.	Land Use	26	26
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	1,814	1,814
	Total	2,469	2,469
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	12,745	12,745
2.	Public Record Reviews	30	30
	Total	12,775	12,775