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Welcome to the February 2008 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of January 2008. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and/or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.

Highlights

- *Director Attends Town Hall Meeting in South Area*
- *Hazardous Materials Division Settles Major Enforcement Case*
- *100+ Participants Attend Food Safety Education Classes*
- *Water Protection Division Staff Meets With Others To Coordinate Response To Sewage Overflows*

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Town Hall Meetings

EMD Director Val Siebal attended the first of four Town Hall Meetings focused on issues of concern to the Board of Supervisors. The initial meeting was held in the County's south area and over 300 people attended the meeting which covered all Countywide services. EMD received accolades for its work on taking steps to eliminate illegal food vendors in the South County area and received extremely favorable comments for all programs.

Environmental Enforcement

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) successfully settled a major environmental enforcement case with an automobile painting and body repair business. As part of the settlement, the business agreed to pay a penalty and to install a new vacuum system and equipment to capture the pollutants generated as part of its daily operations thus preventing environmental contamination and degradation of its surroundings. The success of this environmental enforcement case rested upon the Environmental Specialists (ESs) who conducted the inspections, diligent case work preparation, and settlement negotiation, and the assistance and advice received from County Counsel. This case illustrates the Department's commitment to outreach, education, inspection and, if necessary, enforcement of environmental standards to preserve and promote a clean and healthy environment for the citizens of Sacramento County.

“How To Get A Green” Retail Food Workshops

Three “How To Get A Green” Workshops were conducted in English during the month of January with 59 attendees.

Alameda and San Mateo Counties

Senior IT Analyst John Stender met with representatives from Alameda County to review EMD’s Hazardous Materials Program and the data tracking methods utilized by the Department. Water Protection Division (WPD) staff and Senior IT Analyst John Stender met with representatives from the County of San Mateo to review EMD’s Cross-Connection Program and the data tracking methods utilized by the Department.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with five businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Nine FSE classes were conducted in January with 103 participants representing 22 facilities. Four classes were conducted in English; two classes were conducted in Cantonese; and three classes were conducted in Spanish.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

CCLHO/CCDEH Joint Meeting

EMD Director Val Siebal participated in a joint meeting of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) and the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH). Items discussed included planning for a Joint Conference and information on participation by agriculture in emergency planning and recovery incidents.

Sanitary Sewage Overflows

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, WPD Program Manager Dana Booth, Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage and ES Eric Haupt met with representatives from the Sacramento Area Sewer District and County Code Enforcement to coordinate a response to sanitary sewage overflows.

EMD Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez and Supervising ESs Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz participated in a meeting of the EMD Food Industry Working Group. Items discussed included unpermitted food vendors, an update on the Green-Yellow-Red Placarding Program, and power outages.

McClellan Base Conversion

WPD Program Manager Dana Booth attended a meeting of the McClellan Base Conversion Team/Stakeholders. Attendees discussed the next phase in the Early Transfer for Privatized Remediation.

311 Information System

Information Technology (IT) Manager Geoff Marsh participated in preparation of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the County 311 Response System which was distributed on January 14; responses are due February 11, 2008.

Wastewater Advisory

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage facilitated a meeting of the EMD Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee to discuss ongoing revisions to the local Wastewater Ordinance.

Downtown Partnership

EMD Director Val Siebal and EHD Chief John Rogers met with the Executive Officer and Chief Deputy of the Downtown partnership to establish common goals and points of contact. A majority of the Partnership members are regulated by the Department's Consumer Protection and Commercial Recycling Programs.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the January meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) An update by the Sacramento County Airport System on their recycling program; and (2) An update on the Fireplace Burn Ordinance by the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District that restricts residential and commercial wood burning under certain weather conditions.

Public Health

EMD Director Val Siebal attended a meeting of the Public Health Division of the County's Department of Health and Human Services. Items discussed included information relating to the new UC Davis School of Public Health and lessons learned from the Southern California Fires. EMD works closely with the Public Health Officer and the Public Health Division on numerous Public Health issues.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Mobile Food Facility Inspections

Supervising ES Jeff Czapla and ESs Jan Bradshaw, Bo Faustino, Shirley Fong, Eric Haupt, Laura Henry, Janet Martin, and Ajay Sharma conducted off-site inspections of 92 permitted mobile food facilities at two major commissaries over a two day period. EHD Intern Joanne Zhao assisted with the inspections.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

CalEPA Basic Inspector Academy

ESs Michelle Blair, Jeni Van Dusen, and Mary Ellen Oetzel and ECTs Victoria Krohn, Mike Simpson, and Eric Sutton attended a four-day Basic Inspector Academy presented by the California Environmental Protection Agency. Staff received instruction on core knowledge and skills as well as cross environmental media awareness needed to conduct quality inspections.

Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup Workshop

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild attended a Methamphetamine Lab Cleanup workshop focused on the development of a health-based target remediation cleanup standard for methamphetamine in residences used to illegally manufacture the drug.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Rashmi Nair was promoted to an ES III in EHD.

JANUARY 2008 BY THE NUMBERS

		January 2008	To Date FY 2007-08
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	904	5,028
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	130	558
	C. Red – Closed	9	75
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,401	7,138
2.	Farm Labor Camps	1	19
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1	2,283
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	16	152
5.	Liquid Waste	30	251
6.	Medical Waste	6	73
7.	Small Water Systems	0	20
8.	Wells	89	696
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	12	91
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	70	493
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	84	697
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	46	275
13.	Storm Water	106	744
14.	Waste Tire	49	332
15.	Tobacco Retailer	46	292
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>172</u>	<u>830</u>
	Total	2,129	14,386
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	91	643
2.	Food Borne Illness	28	135
3.	Incident Response	37	345
4.	Storm Water	25	161
5.	Waste Tire	0	57
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>
	Total	182	1,350
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	103	430
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	5	65
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>59</u>	<u>728</u>
	Total	167	1,223
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	451	3,010
2.	Monitoring Wells	39	307
3.	Food Facilities	112	701
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	29	203
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	20	118
6.	Land Use	0	77
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,332</u>	<u>10,596</u>
	Total	1,983	15,012
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	9,479	92,629
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>24</u>	<u>190</u>
	Total	9,503	92,819