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

Highlights

- *Director Participates In Selection Of 32nd Annual Clean Air Award Recipients*
- *EMD Holds Ground Breaking Ceremony*
- *IT Team Successfully Launches EnvisionConnect*

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Environmental Management
Department

NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Food Inspection Data

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, and IT Manager Geoff Marsh met with representatives of *The Sacramento Bee* and KCRA-TV to discuss direct electronic exportation of food inspection data on a regular basis. Arrangements have been made to provide access to the requested information on a daily basis.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Employee Recognition Event

The Water Protection Division (WPD) held its semi-annual Employee Recognition Event at Effie Yeaw Nature Center. EMD Director Val Siebal participated in the Event and expressed his appreciation to the members of the Division for their excellent work.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with twenty-one businesses in attendance.

Five Food Safety Education (FSE)

Five FSE classes were conducted in May with 60 participants representing 18 facilities. Two classes were conducted in Cantonese; two classes were conducted in English; and one class was conducted in Spanish.

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Chief Dennis Green attended a meeting of the CUPA Regional Board. HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild attended a meeting of the entire CUPA Forum Board.

Swimming Pool/Spa Training

Supervising Environmental Specialists (ESs) Mark Barcellos, Jeff Czaplá and Colleen Maitoza, ESs Rashmi Nair, Manroop Shergill, Mandip Singh, Jannine Talusik and Mary Taylor, and Student Intern Travis Lawrence conducted pool/spa training workshops to assist operators in preparing for the upcoming pool season.

Certified Backflow Tester Workshop

Thirty-five Backflow Testers participated in a Certified Backflow Tester Workshop hosted by the WPD and the Sacramento Area Water Works Association. Regulatory issues, policy changes, and potential ordinance updates were addressed during the Workshop. Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage, ES Chris Hunley, and Office Assistant Shelley Emery attended the Workshop.

State Scientist Day

ES Debbie Katz and representatives from the State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch of the California State Department of Health Services provided information regarding lead poisoning prevention to approximately 3,000 attendees at the State Scientist Day event held at the California State Capitol.

Vessel Sanitation And Mooring

EMD Director Val Siebal, WPD Program Manager Dana Booth, and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage participated in a briefing for the Chiefs of Staff of the Board of Supervisors on a draft County code addressing vessel sanitation and mooring.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Secretary Karen Nelson provided staff support to the May meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and EMD's New Building; and (2) EMD Report on Efficiencies of the Consumer Protection Program.

Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and Zarha Ruiz, and ES Sonia Lee participated in the monthly meeting of retail food industry representatives to discuss technical and food program issues.

32nd Annual Clean Air Awards

EMD Director Val Siebal participated in the selection of the 32nd Annual Clean Air Award recipients of Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails. Director Siebal attended the Awards Luncheon which was also attended by local elected officials. For additional information, see <http://www.sacbreathe.org/>.

Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage hosted a meeting of the Wastewater Technical Advisory Committee to solicit comments on the draft Sacramento County Onsite Wastewater Manual.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Ground Breaking Ceremony

EMD Director Val Siebal participated in a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new EMD leased building at Mather Field. Supervisors Roger Dickinson, Don Nottoli and Susan Peters and other dignitaries attended the Ceremony. The expected building completion date is May 2009.

Information Technology

On May 12, EMD's IT Team successfully launched EnvisionConnect, the new version of the Department's inspection tracking and billing system. The IT Team will begin testing computer tablets for capturing data during field inspections.

Climate Change

Director Siebal shared information on the work of the Environmental Public Health Impacts of Climate Change Committee at a meeting of the County Executive's Climate Change Cabinet. The Committee consists of representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Human Assistance, and the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District.

EMPLOYEE TRAININGClimate Change

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and WPD Program Manager Dana Booth attended a two-day seminar on "Climate Change: A Regional Perspective on a Global Issue" presented by the University of California Davis Extension Program.

Cross Media Enforcement Symposium

ESs Amanda Hakim, Sophia Jella', Mary Ellen Oetzel, Jonathan Pollack, Mike Simpson and Jeni VanDusen attended the Cross Media Enforcement Symposium presented by the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Symposium focused on an interdisciplinary approach to enforcing environmental regulations.

Pharmaceuticals And Personal Care Products And The Water Industry

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and WPD Program Manager Dana Booth attended a presentation on "Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products and the Water Industry—What's Next?" hosted by Kennedy/Jenks Consultants.

Salinas Valley Ammonia Safety Day

ESs Christine Abad and Dennis Karidis attended training during Salinas Valley Ammonia Safety Day designed for agencies regulating California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Programs. The training focused on handling ammonia and reacting to releases.

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)

Linda Dorn of the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) presented information on FOG to EHD staff who will, in turn, provide the information to permitted grease producing facilities.

County Leadership Academy

WPD Program Manager Dana Booth completed the course for the 3rd session of the County's Leadership Academy. The Academy is designed to provide highly qualified managers with the skills and resources to pursue leadership positions within the County. The Academy strives to provide participants with a broad perspective of County operations, develop leadership strengths, and establish a qualified pool of candidates for leadership advancement.

REHS Training

ESs Jane Auyeung, Shirley Fong, Laura Henry, Steve Moua, Amy Roth, and Joseph Terefe attended a 3-day REHS Preparatory Training Course presented by William Kimura.

PERSONNELReturning Employee

Jason Smalley returned to work after serving more than a year of military duty overseas.

New Employee

Daniel Abellon was hired as an Environmental Compliance Technician (ECT) in HMD.

MAY 2008 BY THE NUMBERS

| | | May 2008 | To Date FY 2007-08 |
|-----|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| | <u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u> | | |
| | A. Green – Pass | 1,086 | 9,170 |
| | B. Yellow – Conditional Pass | 89 | 957 |
| | C. Red – Closed | 13 | 110 |
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| | <u>Inspections</u> | | |
| 1. | Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events) | 1,517 | 12,981 |
| 2. | Farm Labor Camps | 2 | 33 |
| 3. | Public Swimming Pools/Spas | 62 | 2,351 |
| 4. | Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations) | 33 | 249 |
| 5. | Liquid Waste | 18 | 322 |
| 6. | Medical Waste | 8 | 86 |
| 7. | Small Water Systems | 5 | 36 |
| 8. | Wells | 115 | 1,097 |
| 9. | Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal | 16 | 169 |
| 10. | Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste | 111 | 892 |
| 11. | Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials | 146 | 1,217 |
| 12. | Underground Storage Tank Facilities | 27 | 382 |
| 13. | Storm Water | 155 | 1,235 |
| 14. | Waste Tire | 1 | 410 |
| 15. | Tobacco Retailer | 16 | 347 |
| 16. | Commercial Recycling | <u>212</u> | <u>1,593</u> |
| | Total | 2,444 | 23,400 |
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| | <u>Investigations</u> | | |
| 1. | Consumer Complaints | 79 | 944 |
| 2. | Food Borne Illness | 25 | 215 |
| 3. | Incident Response | 53 | 552 |
| 4. | Storm Water | 30 | 279 |
| 5. | Waste Tire | 0 | 57 |
| 6. | Childhood Lead | <u>0</u> | <u>16</u> |
| | Total | 187 | 2,063 |
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| | <u>Class Attendance</u> | | |
| 1. | Food Safety Education (Food School) | 60 | 669 |
| 2. | Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop | 21 | 115 |
| 3. | “How To Get A Green” Workshop | <u>0</u> | <u>846</u> |
| | Total | 81 | 1,630 |
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| | <u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u> | | |
| 1. | Hazardous Materials Business Plans | 449 | 4,890 |
| 2. | Monitoring Wells | 60 | 502 |
| 3. | Food Facilities | 87 | 1,128 |
| 4. | Public Swimming Pools/Spas | 43 | 307 |
| 5. | Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs | 10 | 195 |
| 6. | Land Use | 1 | 80 |
| 7. | Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags) | <u>1,538</u> | <u>17,030</u> |
| | Total | 2,188 | 24,132 |
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| | <u>Information Management</u> | | |
| 1. | Documents Imaged | 9,529 | 137,308 |
| 2. | Public Record Reviews | <u>30</u> | <u>308</u> |
| | Total | 9,559 | 137,616 |