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

Highlights

- *Director Accepts 2008 Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award*
- *Environmental Health Division Chief Meets With Asian Chamber Of Commerce*
- *Water Protection Division Staff Participates In "Keep The Delta Clean Day"*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Keep The Delta Clean

EMD Director Val Siebal and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage presented information to the Board of Supervisors and requested approval of a Resolution declaring June 28, 2008 as "Keep The Delta Clean Day". Members of the Board approved the Resolution as presented.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

HMD Employee Recognition

The Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) held an employee appreciation event to recognize HMD staff for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments in ensuring environmental regulatory compliance. Various photographs capturing EMD staff "in action" were submitted for HMD's Photo Contest and six entries were selected as prize winners.

EHD Employee Recognition

The Environmental Health Division (EHD) held an employee recognition event to acknowledge and appreciate staff for their extraordinary accomplishment in receiving the most prestigious national award for a Consumer Protection Program—the Samuel J. Crumbine Award. The Award is presented yearly to a jurisdiction that has implemented innovative programs to reduce the incidence of foodborne illness, provided education to the business community and the public, and collaborated with the industry to communicate the importance of food safety.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with four businesses in attendance.

Nine Food Safety Education (FSE)

Nine FSE classes were conducted in June with 121 participants representing 28 facilities. Five classes were conducted in English; one class was conducted in Cantonese; one class was conducted in Spanish; and one class was conducted in Punjabi.

Staff Recruitment

EMD Director Val Siebal and Administrative Services Officer III Sandra Leahy conducted interviews for EMD's recently vacated Executive Secretary position.

Florin Technology Adult Education Center

ES Sonia Lee presented information on lead poisoning and lead-safe work practices to students at the Florin Technology Adult Education Center. The presentation was translated into Cantonese, Hmong and Spanish.

Keep The Delta Clean

Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage participated in a "Keep The Delta Clean Day" event held at Sugar Barge Marina. Ecological boat trips were available at the event and information on recycling options was provided to the news media by the California Water Resources Board grant administered by six Delta counties and the City of Stockton (CA).

Asian Chamber of Commerce

EHD Chief John Rogers met with representatives from the Asian Chamber of Commerce to discuss issues relating to food safety and the Department's inspections of Asian food facilities.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

EPA Regional Response Team

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild participated in a meeting of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Response Team. Lessons learned from recent environmental emergencies and disasters, as well as coordination of issues common to states contained in EPA Region IX, were discussed.

Sacramento Environmental Commission

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen and Administrative Services Officer III Sandra Leahy provided staff support to the June meeting of the SEC. Meeting Agenda items included: (1) An Update of McClellan and Mather Superfund Sites; and (2) An Update from EMD on Small Water Systems.

Food Industry Working Group

EMD Director Val Siebal participated in the monthly meeting of retail food industry representatives and discussed the Department's draft strategic plan and fee increases for fiscal year 2008-09.

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

EMD Director Val Siebal met with staff of CIWMB to discuss the ban on citizen disposal of sharps which takes effect in September 2008.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Environmental Recognition Award

EMD Director Val Siebal and members of the Sacramento Environmental Commission presented a 2007 Environmental Recognition Award to the City of Sacramento Planning Department at a meeting of the Sacramento City Council.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)

EHD Chief John Rogers attended the AFDO Conference and participated in discussions relating to produce safety, food pathogens, food recalls, and food import safety.

National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)

EMD Director Val Siebal, EHD Chief John Rogers, EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, EHD Supervising Environmental Specialist Zarha Ruiz, and ES Sonia Lee participated in the 72nd Annual Conference of NEHA. Director Siebal accepted the 2008 Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award in behalf of the Department. The Award is presented annually to a local environmental health jurisdiction that has demonstrated excellence in a food protection program. Supervising ES Zarha Ruiz and ES Sonia Lee presented information on EMD's Green/Yellow/Red placarding program during the Conference.

Mass Care and Sheltering

Supervising ES Mark Barcellos attended a seminar on Mass Care and Sheltering presented by the California Office of Homeland Security. Information presented at the seminar related to adequate shelter for humans, animals and special populations in response to a catastrophic earthquake.

Media Training

EMD Director Val Siebal, HMD Chief Dennis Green, HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild, Supervising Environment Specialists Anthony Chu, Chris Pace, Lisa Tood and Marie Wood, and members of the Department's HazMat Incident Response Team (ESs Ryan Artz, Robert Duncan, Sophia Jella', Doug Osborn, Kevin Smith, and Dave Steele) participated in a media training workshop. The training focused on interviewing techniques with television and radio media under different format settings as well as providing attendees with opportunities to practice on-camera interviews.

PERSONNELNew Employee

Valerie Kritscher was hired as a Student Intern in WPD.

JUNE 2008 BY THE NUMBERS

		June 2008	To Date FY 2007-08
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,007	10,177
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	76	1,033
	C. Red – Closed	9	119
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,313	14,294
2.	Farm Labor Camps	3	36
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	529	2,880
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	36	285
5.	Liquid Waste	12	334
6.	Medical Waste	2	88
7.	Small Water Systems	2	38
8.	Wells	86	1,183
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	6	175
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	133	1,025
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	162	1,379
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	40	422
13.	Storm Water	179	1,414
14.	Waste Tire	0	410
15.	Tobacco Retailer	13	360
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>240</u>	<u>1,833</u>
	Total	2,756	26,156
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	57	1,001
2.	Food Borne Illness	29	244
3.	Incident Response	56	608
4.	Storm Water	27	306
5.	Waste Tire	0	57
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>17</u>
	Total	170	2,233
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	121	790
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	4	119
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>846</u>
	Total	125	1,755
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	497	5,387
2.	Monitoring Wells	24	526
3.	Food Facilities	112	1,240
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	22	329
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	14	209
6.	Land Use	0	80
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>2,185</u>	<u>19,215</u>
	Total	2,854	26,986
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,970	148,278
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>33</u>	<u>341</u>
	Total	11,003	148,619