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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 July 2008. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and/or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net.*

### **Highlights**

- *EMD Receives 2008 Samuel J. Crumbine Award At Board Of Supervisors Meeting*
- *Florin Perkins Material Recovery Facility Awarded Permit*
- *HMD Launches Informational Bulletin*
- *Senior IT Analyst Receives Special Recognition*

### **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Environmental Management  
Department

### **NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **EMD Receives 2008 Crumbine Award**

EMD Director Val Siebal accepted the 2008 Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award from Jeff Lineberry, Executive Director of the Conference for Food Protection, at the July 22, 2008 meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

#### **Staff Appreciation Luncheon**

EMD Director Val Siebal hosted the Bi-Annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon Meeting on July 24, 2008 which included a summary of key accomplishments for fiscal year 2007-08 and presentations by members of various Department Divisions.

#### **Senior IT Analyst Receives Special Recognition**

Senior Information Technology (IT) Analyst John Stender was recognized at the Staff Appreciation Luncheon held on July 24, 2008 for his extraordinary efforts during the recent conversion from Envision to EnvisionConnect software.

### **COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH**

#### **"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops**

Three "How To Get A Green" Workshops were conducted during the month of July with 72 attendees. Two workshops were conducted in English and one workshop was conducted in Spanish.

#### **Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops**

Two HMP workshops were held with five businesses in attendance.

### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Seven FSE classes were conducted in July with 104 participants representing 32 facilities. Three classes were conducted in English; three classes were conducted in Cantonese; and one class was conducted in Spanish.

### HMD Launches Informational Bulletin

Due to ever-changing regulatory requirements, the Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) has initiated a Compliance Assistance Bulletin designed to quickly disseminate new and existing regulatory requirements to regulated businesses. The bulletin is easy to read and presents relevant and timely information regarding developments in the world of hazardous materials. Two issues of the Bulletin have been distributed and additional issues will be forthcoming as the need arises. The Bulletins are located at <http://www.emd.saccounty.net/EMDforms.htm#HazMatBulletins>.

### Asian Restaurant Operators

Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Kelly McCoy met with Asian restaurant operators to discuss specific foods, issues and inspections related to Asian restaurants.

### Enhanced Vapor Recovery Workshop

Supervising ES Chris Pace presented information regarding permit requirements at an Enhanced Vapor Recovery Workshop held in Citrus Heights. Several business owners attended the Workshop.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

### California CUPA Forum Board

HMD Chief Dennis Green attended the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Regional Forum Board Meeting to discuss coordination of hazardous materials regulatory issues that are common to Northern Bay Area Region CUPAs.

### EHD Brainstorming Session

Environmental Health Division (EHD) staff members participated in a brainstorming session to identify present and future challenges and issues related to consumer protection.

### Florin Perkins Material Recovery Facility

Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ES Brion McGinness, Project Leader completed work on and presented a package to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) requesting a Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) for the Florin Perkins Material Recovery Facility/Large Volume Transfer Station. CIWMB unanimously recommended approval and a SWFP was issued. The Permit award represents the most controversial siting of a solid waste facility in Sacramento County in several decades. The project had the focused interest of the County Board of Supervisors, the Sacramento City Council, and members of the State Legislature.

### Computer Tablet For Incident Response

Senior Information Technology (IT) Analyst Jim Williams and IT Analyst Rob Milano completed installation of a tablet computer for the Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Incident Response team. The tablet will allow the Incident Response Team to access electronic resources while in the field.

### Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Department Executive Secretary Sarah Crowl provided staff support to the July meeting of the SEC which was televised from the County Board of Supervisors' chambers. Agenda items included: (1) West Nile Virus Update by the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District; (2) Water Meter Update by the City of Sacramento Utilities Department; and (3) Recognition of outgoing Chair Krista Clark who resigned from the Commission as she is relocating to Australia. There are currently two County vacancies on the Commission.

### Japan Ministry Of Health, Labor And Welfare

EHD Chief John Rogers met with delegates from the Japan Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare to discuss local food safety issues and collaboration with State and Federal agencies.

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.

Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee (BAFTAC)

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy attended a meeting of BAFTAC to discuss issues related to food safety with representatives from other Northern California counties.

Microsoft Vista Software

Senior Information Technology (IT) Analyst Jim Guilliams participated on a Countywide Implementation Committee regarding Microsoft Vista. The goal of the Committee was to provide guidelines for County Departments when faced with the inevitable transition from Windows XP to Windows Vista. Consequently, IT staff installed Microsoft Vista on a few computers in order to test connectivity and performance issues.

SPECIAL PROJECTSEnvisionConnect

EMD's IT Team continued implementation of EnvisionConnect software. IT staff have also been developing and refining reports to take advantage of features available in the EnvisionConnect software.

Laptop Computer Usage During Inspections

IT staff reconvened the pilot group that will be utilizing computer tablets to conduct field inspections. The group is currently working on specific issues involved with recording information at the time of the inspection and later synchronizing the recorded information with the main database.

STAFF PRESENTATIONSStaff Appreciation Luncheon

ES Chris Hunley shared information on the Department's Water Recycling Program; ES Jonathan Pollack shared data relating to Underground Storage Tank Enforcement Cases at State Buildings; and ESs Sonia Lee, Shirley Fong and Jane Auyeung presented a skit titled "EH Fear Factor" which related to select Asian foods and whether or not they were potentially hazardous foods (phf) at the Staff Appreciation Luncheon held on July 24, 2008.

EMPLOYEE TRAININGAll Hazards' Identification Training

EMD Director Val Siebal and HMD Chief Dennis Green attended a two-day All Hazards Identification Training seminar hosted by the California Department of Public Health. Tabletop exercises and anti-terrorism activities were highlighted during the two-day training session.

Labor Camp Inspections

EMD Director Val Siebal accompanied ES Anne Frey-Peters and officials from the California Department of Public Health on labor camp inspections in the Delta.

PERSONNELNew Employee

Sarah Crowl was hired as EMD Executive Secretary.

Promotions

Amy Roth was promoted to an ES II in EHD.

**JULY 2008 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>July 2008</b>	<b>To Date FY 2008-09</b>
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	416	416
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	6	6
	C. Red – Closed	46	46
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	680	680
2.	Farm Labor Camps	21	21
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1,576	1,576
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	17	17
5.	Liquid Waste	28	28
6.	Medical Waste	9	9
7.	Small Water Systems	5	5
8.	Wells	81	81
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	23	23
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	106	106
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	231	231
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	46	46
13.	Storm Water	166	166
14.	Waste Tire	0	0
15.	Tobacco Retailer	15	15
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>202</u>	<u>202</u>
	Total	3,206	3,206
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	77	77
2.	Food Borne Illness	26	26
3.	Incident Response	64	64
4.	Storm Water	31	31
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	Total	199	199
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	104	104
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	5	5
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>
	Total	181	181
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	487	487
2.	Monitoring Wells	11	11
3.	Food Facilities	149	149
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	18	18
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	11	11
6.	Land Use	2	2
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,466</u>	<u>1,466</u>
	Total	2,144	2,144
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	13,157	13,157
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>
	Total	13,179	13,179