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

Highlights

- *HMD Issues First Enforcement Order Relating To Solid Waste Authority Ordinance*
- *Six Environmental Specialists Pass State Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) Exam*
- *EHD Shares Information At FDA Regional Seminar*

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Pool Related Illnesses

Supervising Environmental Specialist (ES) Colleen Maitoza was interviewed by a reporter from KOVR Channel 13 regarding pool related illnesses.

Food Safety

Supervising ES Zarha Ruiz provided information on summer outdoor food safety during an interview in Spanish with a reporter from Univision Channel 19.

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Audit

Representatives from the California Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services conducted a triennial audit of the Sacramento Unified Program which is administered by EMD's Hazardous Material Division. The audit consisted of a comprehensive review of six environmental programs—Hazardous Materials Business Plans, Hazardous Waste Generator, Underground Storage Tanks, California Accidental Release Program, Aboveground Storage Tanks, and Article 80 of the Uniform Fire Code. Initial audit findings indicate that CUPA requirements are being met or exceeded in all program areas. Several references were made concerning other program achievements and innovations. A final audit report is expected to be received within a month.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Business Recycling Enforcement

The Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) Business Recycling Program issued its first Enforcement Order relating to the implementation of the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority Ordinance.

Sacramento has implemented the first mandatory Business Recycling Ordinance in the Western United States.

"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops

One "How To Get A Green" Workshop was conducted in English during the month of August with 25 attendees.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with nine businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Eight FSE classes were conducted in August with 108 participants representing 30 facilities. Two classes were conducted in English; three classes were conducted in Spanish; two classes were conducted in Cantonese; and one class was conducted in Vietnamese.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

CUPA Regional Forum

HMD Chief Dennis Green participated in a meeting of the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Regional Forum to discuss and coordinate responses to programmatic hazardous materials regulatory issues.

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

Water Protection Division (WPD) Chief Cecilia Jensen, WPD Program Manager Dana Booth and Supervising ES Steve Kalvelage met with staff from the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority to discuss issues related to a proposed well protection program.

Bay Area Swimming Pool Information Sharing Committee (BASPISC)

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza participated in a meeting of BASPISC to discuss swimming pool related issues and pending laws.

Groundwater Resources Association

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen, WPD Program Manager Dana Booth and ES David Von Aspern attended a meeting of the Sacramento Branch of the Groundwater Resources Association.

Bay Area Food Technical Advisory Committee (BAFTAC)

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy attended a BAFTAC meeting and discussed issues related to food safety.

EnvisionConnect Software

Senior IT Analyst John Stender, with assistance from Senior IT Analyst Jim Williams and IT Analyst Rob Milano, continued to modify existing EnvisionConnect reports and develop new reports to take advantage of EnvisionConnect capabilities.

Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee

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

Computer Tablets

Senior IT Analysts Jim Guilliams and John Stender and IT Analyst Rob Milano convened the EHD pilot group to determine logistics and support needed for a successful tablet field trial.

McClellan Restoration

WPD Program Manager Dana Booth participated in a meeting of the McClellan Restoration Advisory Board.

Sanitary Sewer Overflow

WPD Chief Cecilia Jensen met with representatives from the Sacramento Area Sewer District to discuss coordinated response to sanitary sewer overflows.

Microsoft Vista Operating System

Senior IT Analyst Jim Guilliams participated on a County-wide subcommittee to investigate the possible migration of Department computers to the Microsoft Vista operating system. The subcommittee agreed that currently there are few advantages to a mass migration and significant costs associated with transition to the new operating system. The subcommittee recommended revisiting the issue in 12 months and postponing mass migration to the Vista operating system.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Process Documentation

WPD staff and Volunteer Jerry Cohen are collaborating on a process documentation project for programs within the Division.

2008 "Awards of Excellence In Food Safety"

IT staff retrieved data and provided a list of Award recipients to EHD. Awards will be presented in September.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

CUPA Northern Region Advisory Group

ESs Christine Abad and Dennis Karidis conducted a one-day training session for Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) inspectors at the Northern Region Technical Advisory Group meeting. The training included an overview of the California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program and other topics dealing with regulatory and inspection-related issues arising from CalARP program implementation.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

ESs Judy Andrade, Craig Dorrough, Bo Faustino, Steve Moua, Amy Roth and Ajay Sharma passed the State REHS exam. The REHS is required when working in the food safety and other delegated programs.

Food Facilities and Public Pools

EMD Director Val Siebal accompanied EHD staff on pre-opening inspections for food facilities and on an inspection of a major outdoor public swimming pool.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Program Manager Alicia Enriquez joined 200+ fellow delegates from throughout the nation at the FDA 50-State Meeting on food safety. Both public and private sectors were represented at the meeting.

Underground Storage Tank (UST) Inspector Compliance

ES Brion McGinness participated in UST Inspector Compliance training presented by the State Water Resources Control Board.

International Association of Food Protection

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez attended the Annual Meeting of the International Association of Food Protection. Over 500 technical papers relating to food safety were discussed at the meeting.

Ammonia Refrigeration

ESs Christine Abad and Dennis Karidis attended a workshop titled "Ammonia Refrigeration for the Regulators" presented by the Refrigerating Engineers and Technicians Association (RETA).

FDA Pacific Region Seminar

Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos and Zarha Ruiz attended the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Pacific Region Seminar. Supervising ES Zarha Ruiz shared information on EMD's Food Protection Program and on receipt of the 2008 Samuel J. Crumbine Award for Food Safety.

PERSONNEL

Promotions

Judy Andrade was promoted to an ES II in EHD.

Lisa Christy was promoted to an Environmental Compliance Technician I in WPD.

Steve Moua was promoted to an ES II in EHD.

Lisa Robbins was promoted to an Environmental Compliance Technician II in EHD.

Ajay Sharma was promoted to an ES II EHD.

AUGUST 2008 BY THE NUMBERS

		August 2008	To Date FY 2008-09
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,268	1,684
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	91	97
	C. Red – Closed	16	62
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,694	2,374
2.	Farm Labor Camps	3	24
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	303	1,879
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	13	30
5.	Liquid Waste	20	48
6.	Medical Waste	4	13
7.	Small Water Systems	2	7
8.	Wells	109	190
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	24	47
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	123	229
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	168	399
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	45	91
13.	Storm Water	299	465
14.	Waste Tire	0	0
15.	Tobacco Retailer	32	47
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>218</u>	<u>420</u>
	Total	3,057	6,263
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	65	142
2.	Food Borne Illness	20	46
3.	Incident Response	56	120
4.	Storm Water	21	52
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	Total	166	365
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	25	129
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	9	14
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>108</u>	<u>180</u>
	Total	142	323
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	534	1,021
2.	Monitoring Wells	56	67
3.	Food Facilities	77	226
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	57	75
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	12	23
6.	Land Use	1	3
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,735</u>	<u>3,201</u>
	Total	2,472	4,616
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	12,897	26,054
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>21</u>	<u>43</u>
	Total	12,918	26,097