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

Highlights

- *EMD Stormwater Program Receives 2008 National U.S. EPA Award*
- *EMD Issues 2007-08 "Awards of Excellence" For Food Safety*
- *Department Participates In Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week*
- *EMD Staff Participates In 2008 Employee Giving Campaign*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EMD Receives 2008 EPA Award

The Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program administered by the Water Protection Division (WPD) received the National United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Water Act (CWA) Recognition Award for Stormwater Management Excellence. The Award was presented to EMD for its implementation of the Sacramento Region's Commercial/Industrial Stormwater Compliance Program.

Food Safety "Awards of Excellence"

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers and EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez joined the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in presenting "Awards of Excellence" to select food facilities. An "Award of Excellence" was issued to more than 550 retail food facilities with exemplary inspection records for 2007-08. A list of recipients is published on the EMD website at: <http://www.emd.saccounty.net>.

2008 Employee Giving Campaign

According to Department Campaign Chair John Moehring, County employees contributed over \$460,000 to this year's Giving Campaign; EMD contributed over \$8,800. Donations were down overall, with the County at just over 8% participation (number of staff pledging vs. number of total County staff). EMD participation was 18.4%, well above the County average.

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2008 Employee Giving Campaign *(continued from page 1)*

Three teams from EMD competed in this year's 5K Giving Campaign Race and raised an additional \$700 for charity. Great job! Teams/participants were: (1) Critical Violations—Jim Guilliams (Captain), Cheryl Hawkins, Debbie Katz, Mario Martin and Rob Milano (Charity – United Way – California Chapter); (2) Mavericks—Sophia Jellá (Captain), Rebecca Bahr, Jonathan Pollack, Justin Ross and Mike Simpson (Charity – Animal Care & Regulation TEAM); and (3) EMD-All(Most)—Sharon Merker (Captain), Sarah Crowl, Brion McGinness, Kevin Smith and Patrice Webb (Charity – Child & Family Institute). Elise Rothschild also participated in the 5K Race and was the second woman runner to cross the finish line!

EMD is proud of its participation in the Employee Giving Campaign and John noted that he enjoyed working with the participants who impressed him with their giving spirit and generosity. Director Siebal thanks everyone who participated in this year's Giving Campaign and notes that your contribution is important and assists the many charities in meeting their mission of serving those less fortunate.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

HMD Employee Recognition

The Hazardous Materials Division (HMD) held an employee appreciation event to recognize HMD staff for their many accomplishments. ESs Ryan Artz, Christine Abad, Dennis Karidis, Sharon Merker, Mary Ellen Oetzel, Jonathan Pollack, Mike Simpson, Kevin Smith, David Steele and Eric Sutton were recognized for their exemplary contributions to HMD programs. Senior Office Specialist Geri Brown and Office Assistant Toua Khang were also recognized for their contributions.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshops

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

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with seven businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Nine FSE classes were conducted in October with 107 participants representing 45 facilities. Four classes were conducted in English; three classes were conducted in Spanish; one class was conducted in Punjabi; and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

Asian Restaurant Outreach

EHD Program Manager Alicia Enriquez, Supervising ES Kelly McCoy, and ESs Jane Auyeung, Shirley Fong and Sonia Lee met with local Asian restaurant representatives to discuss cultural food issues related to food inspections.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

ES Debbie Katz shared information on lead poisoning prevention at a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week event held in the lobby of the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Sacramento Environmental Commission

The Sacramento Environmental Commission did not meeting in October due to lack of a quorum.

State Food and Agriculture Defense Steering Committee

EHD Chief John Rogers represented the Department at a meeting of the State Food and Agriculture Defense Steering Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to improve the defense of California's food and agricultural systems against terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies through unified communication, coordination, training and development of policies and procedures.

California Retail Food Safety Coalition

Supervising ESs Mark Barcellos and Kelly McCoy represented EMD at a meeting of the California Retail Food Safety Coalition to discuss upcoming legislation and current food safety issues.

Chain Food Establishments

Senior IT Analyst John Stender and EHD Student Intern Erica Burris began the process of defining a "chain" food establishment in preparation for a new law which will require that "chain" food establishments post dietary information on menus effective 2010.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

San Francisco Environmental Health Department

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ESs Jane Auyeung, Shirley Fong and Sonia Lee received an educational "behind the scenes" tour of San Francisco's Chinatown by the San Francisco Environmental Health Department.

Illegal Food Vendors

Supervising ES Kelly McCoy and ESs Mandip Singh, Kari Wagner and David Wong joined Sacramento County Code Enforcement officers in conducting a joint sweep of illegal food vendors in the northern part of the County.

Delegation From Bulgaria

EHD Chief John Rogers met with representatives from Bulgaria to discuss food safety in Sacramento County and throughout California.

Computer Tablets

Information Technology staff continued to create Inspection Reports and coding needed by in order to process Food Inspections on computer tablets while in the field.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Environmental Health Training In Emergency Response (EHTER)

ES Dennis Catanyag provided information at the recently held EHTER Conference regarding emergency preparedness for food inspections in response to a disaster.

Vapor Recovery Equipment

Supervising ES Chris Pace presented information on the permitting process utilized for enhanced vapor recovery equipment upgrades at an Underground Storage Tank Workshop presented by the Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center (BERC).

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Emergency Preparedness

EHD Chief John Rogers participated in an Emergency Preparedness exercise held at the Emergency Operations Center at McClellan Park.

California Air Response Planning Alliance (CARPA)

HMD Program Manager Elise Rothschild and ES Sophia Jellá attended interdisciplinary training sponsored by the California Air Response Planning Alliance. The training focused on air quality monitoring, interpretation and dissemination of data to health officials and the media during an emergency response situation.

2008 World Aquatic Health Conference

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza attended the 2008 World Aquatic Health Conference to learn about current concerns and legislation related to recreational health.

Methamphetamine Lab Awareness

ESs Robert Duncan and Sophia Jellá attended Methamphetamine Lab Awareness training conducted by NES Environmental Systems and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The training was designed to equip first responders in recognizing various hazards involved in clandestine labs.

PERSONNELNew Employee

Cody Lee was hired as an ES I in EHD.
Suzanne Norris was hired as an Account Clerk III.

OCTOBER 2008 BY THE NUMBERS

		October 2008	To Date FY 2008-09
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,386	4,518
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	101	297
	C. Red – Closed	20	99
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,747	5,928
2.	Farm Labor Camps	1	25
3.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	5	1,893
4.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	16	65
5.	Liquid Waste	20	82
6.	Medical Waste	8	24
7.	Small Water Systems	2	12
8.	Wells	90	381
9.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	15	85
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	90	421
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	145	703
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	50	198
13.	Storm Water	323	1,139
14.	Waste Tire	63	63
15.	Tobacco Retailer	101	214
16.	Commercial Recycling	<u>168</u>	<u>774</u>
	Total	2,844	12,007
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Consumer Complaints	55	262
2.	Food Borne Illness	6	69
3.	Incident Response	45	207
4.	Storm Water	28	101
5.	Waste Tire	0	0
6.	Childhood Lead	<u>3</u>	<u>8</u>
	Total	137	647
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	107	355
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	7	27
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>9</u>	<u>200</u>
	Total	123	582
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	405	1,840
2.	Monitoring Wells	27	121
3.	Food Facilities	126	439
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	19	143
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	27	66
6.	Land Use	4	8
7.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,676</u>	<u>6,279</u>
	Total	2,284	8,896
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	16,147	54,498
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>19</u>	<u>80</u>
	Total	16,166	54,578