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Welcome to the January 2011 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of December 2010. Please feel free to forward comments questions and/or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net

Highlights

- *EMD Briefs Board Of Supervisor's New Chief Of Staff*
- *ECD Incident Response Team Solves Complex Hazardous Explosives Incident*
- *EHD Staff Responds To Meeting Of Pacific Rim Culinary Committee*

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Briefing For Chief Of Staff

EMD Director Val Siebal, Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) Chief Elise Rothschild, and Environmental Health Division (EHD) Supervising Environmental Specialist Zarha Ruiz briefed Panorea Avdis, Supervisor Serna's new Chief of Staff, on EMD programs. Ms. Avdis has been invited to participate in a ride along for a Certified Unified Program Agency inspection and for a restaurant inspection.

Liquid Waste Fees

EMD Director Val Siebal and ECD Chief Elise Rothschild presented the proposed Liquid Waste Fee Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors. The Board unanimously approved adoption of the ordinance effective December 14, 2010.

NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

EMD All Staff Meeting

Director Val Siebal unveiled the new design for EMD's website at the All Staff Meeting and potluck luncheon held on Thursday, December 16.

Hazardous Storage At Fair Oaks Residence

The Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) of the Environmental Management Department (EMD) received an anonymous complaint via Sacramento County Consolidated Utilities Billing and Service (CUBS) regarding hazardous material storage at a Fair Oaks residence. The complainant stated that they were concerned that the chemicals observed in the residence could cause an explosion.

ECD Chief Elise Rothschild was on-scene to provide support to Environmental Specialist Kevin Smith due to the complexity of the incident. EMD notified the State of California Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA) and Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) of the incident and DTSC authorized the use of state funds to clean-up the residence, remove all of the chemicals and properly dispose of the hazardous waste.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

"How To Get A Green" Retail Food Workshop

One "How To Get A Green" Workshop was conducted in Spanish during the month of December with fifteen attendees.

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

Two HMP workshops were held with two businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Four FSE classes were conducted in December with 42 participants representing 13 facilities. Two classes were conducted in English, one class was conducted in Spanish and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

Proposed Liquid Waste Fee Ordinance

Supervising ES Chris Pace and ESs Eric Haupt and Terry Kociemba participated in three public outreach events, including a meeting with the Antelope Community Planning Advisory Commission and with the Orangevale Community Planning Advisory Commission, to share information on the Proposed Liquid Waste Fee Ordinance.

Senate Bill 602 (Food Safety Requirements For Food Handlers)

EHD Chief John Rogers and EHD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez met with representatives from Senator Padilla's office to discuss SB 602 (Food Safety Requirements For Food Handlers).

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

Model Aquatic Health Code Steering Committee (MAHC)

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza participated in a meeting of the Model Aquatic Health Code Steering Committee (MAHC) held off-site. The MAHC Steering Committee is reviewing code modules from various technical committees for editing prior to public comment review. The MAHC is sponsored by the Center for Disease Control located in Atlanta (GA).

Multi-Family Recycling

Computer tablets are now being utilized to enter data while performing off-site multi-family recycling inspections.

Recreational Health Northern California Technical Advisory Committee

Supervising ES Colleen Maitoza chaired a meeting of the Recreational Health Northern California Technical Advisory Committee of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health. A representative from PalinTest spoke to the Committee regarding their new photometric pool water test.

Pacific Rim Culinary Committee

Alicia Enriquez, EHD Deputy Chief, Supervising ES Kelly McCoy, and ESs Judinae Ablang, Sonia Andrusiak, Jane Auyeung, Shirley Fong, and Toua Yang presented information at a meeting of the Pacific Rim Culinary Committee. The committee is composed of representatives from EMD, Asian-owned restaurants and market owners. Topics discussed included new food safety laws for 2011, including Asian rice noodles, food handler cards, and shellfish handling

New Website For EMD

EMD's newly designed web site went live on December 15, 2010. Feedback has, thus far, been positive.

EnvisionConnect

EMD staff members have been updated to the newest version of EnvisionConnect which will allow Environmental Specialists a bit more flexibility when recording their inspection data.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Personal Safety and Aware Training

EMD staff attended Personal Safety and Awareness Training held on December 7.

DECEMBER 2010 BY THE NUMBERS

		December 2010	To Date FY 2010-11
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
4	A. Green – Pass	1,052	4,879
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	61	251
	C. Red – Closed	7	54
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	2	18
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,285	6,019
3.	Farm Labor Camps	0	30
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	2,320
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	22	128
6.	Liquid Waste	4	95
7.	Medical Waste	39	70
8.	Small Water Systems	2	21
9.	Wells	41	452
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	35	135
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	53	400
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	101	611
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	35	223
14.	Storm Water	175	671
15.	Waste Tire	65	310
16.	Tobacco Retailer	100	244
17.	Commercial Recycling	51	236
18.	Multi-Family Recycling	3	3
19.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	55	308
	Total	2,068	12,294
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	16	118
2.	Consumer Complaints	49	403
3.	Food Borne Illness	19	99
4.	Incident Response	17	154
5.	Solid Waste	8	66
6.	Storm Water	175	330
7.	Waste Tire	0	11
8.	Childhood Lead	0	5
	Total	284	1,186
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	42	346
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	2	17
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	15	15
	Total	59	378
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	430	2,272
2.	Monitoring Wells	23	516
3.	Food Facilities	95	501
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	29	274
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	17	74
6.	Land Use	40	87
7.	Local Oversight Program	5	20
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	1,091	9,590
	Total	1,730	13,334
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,624	59,942
2.	Public Record Reviews	18	132
	Total	10,642	60,074