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*Welcome to the January 2012 EMD Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred in the Department during the month of December 2011. Please feel free to forward comments, questions and/or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or [JimenezL@SacCounty.net](mailto:JimenezL@SacCounty.net)*

### **Highlights**

- *EMD Hosts Outreach Meeting With Northern California Korean Dry Cleaners Association*
- *EMD Partners With Sacramento County Agricultural Commission Staff Regarding Hazardous Materials*
- *EMD Hosts Instruction On Biology And Control Of Vectors*

### **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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## COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

### How To Get A Green

One "How To Get A Green" workshop was held with six participants in attendance.

### Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with two businesses in attendance.

### Food Safety Education (FSE)

Four FSE classes were conducted in December with a total of 26 participants representing 8 facilities. Two classes were conducted in Spanish, one class was conducted in English and one class was conducted in Cantonese.

### Northern California Korean Dry Cleaners Association

Environmental Specialist (ES) Doug Osborn met with members of the Northern California Korean Dry Cleaners Association to discuss hazardous waste issues. Topics of discussion included dry cleaning equipment, reduction in hazardous waste generation and hazardous waste inspections/compliance.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

### California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Environmental Health Division Chief John Rogers attended a meeting of the CCDEH. Representatives from the California Department of Public Health, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the California Environmental Protection Agency shared information regarding produce stands, body art and the California Environmental Reporting System.

### Sacramento County Agricultural Commission

Environmental Specialists (ES) Rebecca Knoche and Jeni VanDusen presented training to Sacramento County Agricultural Commission staff regarding hazardous materials, hazardous waste and above ground storage tanks. Commission staff will utilize the information when performing regulatory compliance inspections at farms on behalf of EMD's Environmental Compliance Division.

### Anaerobic Digester Research Project

Supervising ES Lisa Todd and ES Lea Gibson met with representatives from Atlas Disposal Industries, Clean World Partners and the county Department of Waste Management and Recycling to discuss the installation of an anaerobic digester at the South Area Transfer Station. The anaerobic digester would convert green waste and restaurant food waste to liquefied natural gas (LNG) which would be used to power refuse vehicle.

## EMPLOYEE TRAINING

### Biology And Control Of Vectors Presented By Centers For Disease Control And Prevention

EMD Director Val Siebal welcomed instructors from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who provided a two-day training course on the Biology and Control of Vectors. Attendees received information on the various characteristics and habitats of many common vectors, including cockroaches and bed bugs encountered during environmental health inspections. The principles of Integrated Pest Management were also reviewed during the training. Several environmental health staff from counties throughout the state attended the training.

### 2011 Natural Gas Pipeline Awareness Workshop

ES Robert Duncan participated in the 2011 SMUD (Sacramento Municipal Utility District) Natural Gas Pipeline Emergency Response Awareness Workshop and Tabletop Exercise. Exercise participants included representatives from SMUD, State Department of Fish and Game, Sacramento City Fire Department, Yolo County Environmental Health Department, California Highway Patrol, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Transportation Security Administration, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

## PERSONNEL

### New Employee

Ryan Bailey was hired as a Supervising ES in the Environmental Compliance Division. Ryan most recently worked as a Supervisor for the Business Environmental Resource Center.

**DECEMBER 2011 BY THE NUMBERS**

		<b>December 2011</b>	<b>To Date FY 2011-12</b>
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,011	5,755
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	50	272
	C. Red – Closed	9	51
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	8	30
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,238	7,078
3.	Farm Labor Camps	0	26
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	1	1,801
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	27	144
6.	Liquid Waste	21	108
7.	Medical Waste	36	68
8.	Small Water Systems	3	19
9.	Wells	47	393
10.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	54	664
11.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	75	1,024
12.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	25	223
13.	Storm Water	315	1,115
14.	Waste Tire	57	317
15.	Tobacco Retailer	60	237
16.	Commercial Recycling	73	174
17.	Multi-Family Recycling	35	173
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>103</u>	<u>241</u>
	Total	2,178	13,835
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	4	12
2.	Consumer Complaints	59	408
3.	Food Borne Illness	22	77
4.	Incident Response	38	129
5.	Solid Waste	2	24
6.	Storm Water	2	33
7.	Waste Tire	0	4
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
	Total	127	691
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	26	485
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	2	19
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	<u>6</u>	<u>123</u>
	Total	34	627
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	474	2,140
2.	Monitoring Wells	73	545
3.	Food Facilities	71	551
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	53	398
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	21	96
6.	Land Use	6	51
7.	Local Oversight Program	2	16
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,494</u>	<u>9,231</u>
	Total	2,194	13,028
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	12,069	75,534
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>15</u>	<u>121</u>
	Total	12,084	75,655