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Welcome to the December 2013 Environmental Management Department (EMD) Update. This issue contains activities and accomplishments that occurred during November 2013. Please forward comments, questions or suggestions to Linda Jimenez at (916) 875-8582 or JimenezL@SacCounty.net

Highlights

- *EMD Posts Underground Storage Tank Compliance Videos*
- *Staff Participates In Statewide Medical And Health Exercise*
- *Food Vendor Inspections At Hmong New Year Celebration*

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NEWS MEDIA INTERACTION

Health Inspections At Schools

Environmental Health Division (EHD) Deputy Chief Kelly McCoy was interviewed by Sam Shane of Channel 13 regarding overall school health inspections and the closure of a high school cafeteria in the Twin Rivers School District earlier this year. Sacramento County schools predominantly have good inspection records.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Underground Storage Tank (UST) Videos

The Environmental Compliance Division (ECD) posted five UST compliance videos to EMD's webpage. The videos are designed to assist UST owners and operators in maintaining compliance to avoid violations and protect the environment. The videos describe a basic UST system, provide an overview of a UST inspection, and describe several compliance issues as they relate to USTs.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Four FSE classes were conducted in November with a total of 55 participants representing eleven facilities. Two classes were conducted in English, one class was conducted in Cantonese, and one class was conducted in Korean.

California Environmental Reporting System/Hazardous Materials Business Plan Workshops

Two workshops were provided to business owners and operators to assist with online electronic reporting of hazardous materials business plans. Nineteen people representing fifteen separate businesses participated in the workshops.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATION

California Statewide Medical And Health Exercise Program

EHD Deputy Chief Kelly McCoy, EHD Supervisors Mark Barcellos, Zarha Ruiz, and Jason Smalley, Environmental Specialist (ES) Sonia Andrusiak and EHD's Administrative Support Team participated in the 2013 Statewide Medical and Health Training and Exercise Program. The exercise focused on the Homeland Security Target Capabilities of Medical Surge, Communication, Emergency Operations Center Management, Emergency Public Information and Warning, Public Health Epidemiological Surveillance and the exercise scenario in a foodborne disease outbreak.

2013-14 Hmong New Year Celebration

ES Steve Moua coordinated food vendor inspections at this year's Hmong New Year Celebration held at Cal Expo. ESs Jan Bradshaw, Manuel Estrada, Steve Moua, Tuan Nguyen, Tayjes Patel, Rupinder Singh, Joseph Terefe and Chue Vue performed a total of 50 food inspections.

TRAINING

Produce Safety: A Science-Based Framework Workshop

EMD Director Val Siebal and Environmental Health Division (EHD) Chief John Rogers attended a two-and-a-half day workshop titled, "Produce Safety: A Science-Based Framework Workshop" held at the University of California Davis. Director Siebal and Chief Rogers received information regarding an integrated approach to building a foundation of awareness and improved understanding of the current scientific basis for produce microbial safety systems and preventive controls. The content was designed to provide participants with a framework for decision-making on key topics common to industry guidance and standards as well as anticipated federal regulatory compliance requirements.

EnvisionConnect User Conference

Senior Information Technology Analyst Jim Guilliams, Information Technology Analyst II Rob Milano, Accounting Technician Derrick Ho, ECD Deputy Chief Marie Woodin, Supervising ESs Ryan Bailey, John Elkins and Chris Pace, ESs Daniel Abellon, Amanda Hakim, Lisa Perez, Mike Simpson, and Megan Vaughn, Senior Office Assistant Terah Newland attended the Annual EnvisionConnect User Conference sponsored by Decade Software. The conference is a forum for users to learn new features and capabilities of EnvisionConnect. EnvisionConnect is the database software utilized by EMD to track inspections, violations and other regulated business information and to prepare reports and billing. Attendees received hands-on training in the areas of administration, reporting, fundamentals, accounting and waste management.

PERSONNEL

New Hires

Jenny Choi was hired as Senior Student Intern in EHD.

Ana Daniels was hired as an Environmental Specialist I in EHD.

Jill Koehn was hired as Executive Secretary to Director Val Siebal.

NOVEMBER 2013 BY THE NUMBERS

		November 2013	To Date FY 2013-14
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	744	4,049
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	46	225
	C. Red – Closed	7	39
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	3	21
2.	Body Art	30	84
3.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	970	5,322
4.	Farm Labor Camps	0	5
5.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	2,075
6.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	19	129
7.	Liquid Waste	14	107
8.	Medical Waste	9	48
9.	Small Water Systems	6	8
10.	Wells	63	360
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	76	291
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	80	384
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	37	187
14.	Storm Water	102	466
15.	Waste Tire	55	333
16.	Tobacco Retailer	25	166
17.	Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling	58	277
18.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	<u>172</u>	<u>172</u>
	Total	1,719	10,435
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	1	6
2.	Consumer Complaints	56	413
3.	Food Borne Illness	16	80
4.	Incident Response	11	63
5.	Solid Waste	9	47
6.	Storm Water	1	14
7.	Waste Tire	0	0
8.	Childhood Lead	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>
	Total	95	631
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	55	459
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	19	100
3.	“How To Get A Green Placard For Food Inspection” Workshop	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total	74	559
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	262	1,464
2.	Monitoring Wells	101	558
3.	Food Facilities	70	424
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	7	103
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	5	53
6.	Land Use	8	46
7.	Local Oversight Program	5	7
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	<u>1,036</u>	<u>7,828</u>
	Total	1,494	10,483
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	14,013	76,751
2.	Public Record Reviews	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>
	Total	14,016	76,765