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

Highlights

- *EMD Hosts Body Art Industry Meeting*
- *Biology And Vector Control Training Held At EMD*
- *EMD Participates In Natural Gas Pipeline Awareness Workshop*

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NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Audit

The triennial audit of EMD's CUPA Program was performed by representatives from the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), the California Emergency Management Association (Cal EMA) and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). The audit team reviewed EMD policies, procedures, business files, inspection reports, return to compliance documents, complaint reports, and other documents. A few minor deficiencies identified during the audit are currently being corrected. CUPA is comprised of the following regulatory programs—California accidental release, hazardous materials, hazardous materials plans, hazardous waste, underground and aboveground storage tanks. EMD was recognized for "Outstanding Program Implementation" in the areas of enforcement and enforcement revenue credit. EMD was also recognized for participation in organizations, workgroups, technical advisory groups and committees, and implementation of a Facebook page.

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS AND OUTREACH

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshops

One HMP workshop was held with five businesses in attendance.

Food Safety Education (FSE)

Four FSE classes were conducted in November with 32 participants representing 10 facilities. Two classes were conducted in Spanish, one class was conducted in English and one class was conducted in Korean.

Body Art Industry Meeting

EMD Director Val Siebal hosted a meeting of body art industry stakeholders to discuss implementation of AB 300, a newly adopted law regulating body art establishments. The new law will take effect on July 1, 2012. Approximately 60 individuals participated in the meeting which provided a forum for distribution and discussion of information pertaining to the newly approved body art regulations.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT AND COLLABORATIONOnsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

EMD Director Val Siebal presented, and the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution critical of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for the overly restrictive proposed policy on Onsite Sewage Treatment Systems. A letter was subsequently sent to the SWRCB suggesting constructive alternatives to the proposed policy.

California Food Safety Policy Committee

Environmental Health Division Chief John Rogers and ECD Deputy Chief Alicia Enriquez attended a meeting of the California Food Safety Policy Committee held in Sacramento. Items discussed included statewide disease outbreaks, a recent raw milk recall and emerging issues surrounding the direct marketing of farm products. Representatives from statewide environmental health jurisdictions, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the California Department of Public Health were in attendance.

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC)

EMD Director Val Siebal and Executive Secretary Vicki Kloock provided staff support to the November 21st meeting of the SEC. Juli Jensen, the new County Agricultural Commissioner, reported on functions of the Agricultural Commission/Weights and Measures Department. Ms. Jensen also reviewed the 2010 Sacramento County Crop & Livestock Report. Colleen Heck, Senior Staff Attorney, State of California, Department of Toxic Substances Control, shared information on the renewed goal of the Green Chemistry Initiative to ensure safe consumer products.

Bay Area Medical Waste Advisory Group

Environmental Specialist (ES) Lea Gibson participated in a teleconference meeting of the Bay Area Medical Waste Advisory Group. The Group is comprised of representatives from city, county and state agencies who meet periodically to discuss medical waste legislation and enforcement of the Medical Waste Management Act.

California Restaurant Association

EMD Director Val Siebal attended a meeting of the California Restaurant Association and was introduced to several key members of the Association. Several Association members participate in EMD's Food Industry Working Group.

EMPLOYEE TRAININGHazardous Waste Training Seminar

Several EMD staff members attended in depth training on the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) presented by McCoy and Associates, Inc. RCRA is the 1976 federal law which governs the disposal of solid waste and hazardous waste. The training was hosted by the San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department who received grant funding from the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Board.

Biology And Control Of Vectors

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.

NOVEMBER 2011 BY THE NUMBERS

		November 2011	To Date FY 2011-12
	<u>Food Facility Placards Issued</u>		
	A. Green – Pass	1,037	4,744
	B. Yellow – Conditional Pass	51	222
	C. Red – Closed	7	42
	<u>Inspections</u>		
1.	Above Ground Storage Tank	12	22
2.	Food Protection (includes reinspections and food events)	1,261	5,840
3.	Farm Labor Camps	0	26
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	0	1,800
5.	Solid Waste Facilities (landfills/transfer stations)	25	117
6.	Liquid Waste	13	87
7.	Medical Waste	4	32
8.	Small Water Systems	2	16
9.	Wells	76	346
10.	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Installations, Upgrade/Repair, and Removal	33	77
11.	Businesses/Facilities Generating Hazardous Waste	181	610
12.	Businesses/Facilities Storing Hazardous Materials	222	949
13.	Underground Storage Tank Facilities	33	198
14.	Storm Water	164	800
15.	Waste Tire	43	260
16.	Tobacco Retailer	21	177
17.	Commercial Recycling	49	101
18.	Multi-Family Recycling	92	138
19.	Refuse Vehicle Inspections	138	138
	Total	2,369	11,734
	<u>Investigations</u>		
1.	Abandoned Well Program	0	8
2.	Consumer Complaints	61	349
3.	Food Borne Illness	12	55
4.	Incident Response	30	91
5.	Solid Waste	3	22
6.	Storm Water	8	31
7.	Waste Tire	1	4
8.	Childhood Lead	0	4
	Total	115	564
	<u>Class Attendance</u>		
1.	Food Safety Education (Food School)	32	459
2.	Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMP) Workshop	5	17
3.	“How To Get A Green” Workshop	88	117
	Total	125	593
	<u>Plans, Permits, and Reviews</u>		
1.	Hazardous Materials Business Plans	250	1,666
2.	Monitoring Wells	72	472
3.	Food Facilities	80	480
4.	Public Swimming Pools/Spas	23	345
5.	Underground Storage Tanks - Includes Removals, Installations, Upgrades and Repairs	12	75
6.	Land Use	12	45
7.	Local Oversight Program	4	14
8.	Cross Connection Permits (Blue Tags)	1,346	7,737
	Total	1,799	10,834
	<u>Information Management</u>		
1.	Documents Imaged	10,961	63,465
2.	Public Record Reviews	20	106
	Total	10,981	63,571