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HazMat Bulletin

INTRODUCTION

Greetings! You have received this Compliance Assistance Bulletin because your business or facility's activities are regulated under one or more environmental programs administered by the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD). This bulletin contains

information to assist you in staying in compliance with the various State and Federal environmental laws or regulations that apply to your operations. Please feel free to contact us regarding the subjects discussed in this Bulletin, or for any other issues relating to environmental compliance.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BUSINESS PLANS

We offer free workshops twice a month to help assist you in completing your Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMBP) documents.

The workshops are held at the following times:

- The *first Tuesday* of each month 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and
- The *first Wednesday* of each month 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

For reservations, call our main number at (916) 875-8550.

Who Must File a Business Plan?

The California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.95 establishes minimum statewide standards for HMBPs.

Businesses must prepare a HMBP if the business uses, handles, or stores a hazardous material (including hazardous waste) in quantities greater than or equal to the following:

55 gallons of a liquid

500 lbs of a solid



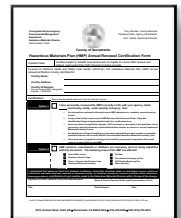
200 cu ft of a compressed gas

AREA PLAN UPDATE

EMD recently completed a major review and revision of the County's "Area Plan for Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials Incidents" (Area Plan). The Area Plan identifies the multiple agencies that may provide primary and support activities for managing hazardous materials incidents and outlines the capabilities and resources these agencies may provide during an emergency. The Area Plan is required to be updated every three years and EMD works closely with all agencies to ensure the information contained in the Plan is current and accurate.

If you are interested in reviewing the Area Plan, it can be downloaded at: <http://www.emd.saccounty.net>.

After the initial HMBP submission, the business must review and re-certify the HMBP every year by submitting a Renewal Plan. Only revisions to the inventory, site map, or emergency contacts need to be submitted with the Renewal Plan. Current copies of the HMBP and Renewal Plan must be maintained at your business site where the hazardous materials are stored.



ENFORCEMENT CORNER

To date, EMD issued over 50 Administrative Enforcement Orders during this fiscal year (since July 1, 2007) and collected penalties in the following programs:

VIOLATION	TOTAL PENALTIES COLLECTED
Underground Storage Tank (UST)	\$78,800.00
Hazardous Materials Business Plan	\$5,000.00
Operating without a Permit	\$4,500.00
Hazardous Waste/Hazardous Materials	\$16,000.00
Failure to Report a Spill	\$2,800.00

EMD is responsible for the enforcement of multiple regulations and statutes relating to the hazardous materials, hazardous waste generators, underground and above ground storage tanks and the California Accidental Release Prevention programs. Enforcement is a key component to ensure compliance and a level competitive playing field for all businesses.

The best way to avoid enforcement action is to quickly correct any noted violations. If you are unsure about your situation, contact us as soon as possible. Environmental Specialists are available every business day from 1 to 3 p.m. to answer your questions.

Call (916) 875-8550 for more information.

ENHANCED VAPOR RECOVERY (EVR) PHASE II PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Upcoming air quality requirements for Gas Dispensing Facilities may require permits from EMD's Hazardous Materials Division. Both the UST owner and UST operator are ultimately responsible for obtaining the required permits. The following criteria determine whether a permit is required:

In-Station Diagnostics (ISD):

ISD equipment monitors performance of vapor recovery systems and triggers an alarm when failures occur. The installation of ISD equipment requires a permit from EMD because the UST leak detection system must be reprogrammed.

EVR Phase II Systems:

EVR Phase II equipment collects gasoline vapors that would otherwise escape into the atmosphere during vehicle refueling. The installation of these systems does not require a permit from EMD if the following conditions are met:

- No ground is broken (all work is done above grade).
- The UST leak detection console is not reprogrammed.

VISIT EMD ON THE WEB:

www.emd.saccounty.net

OR CALL OUR OFFICES BETWEEN 8AM TO 5PM:

(916) 875-8550

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

BERC: Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center

www.sacberc.org

California Environmental Protection Agency

www.calepa.ca.gov

Office of Emergency Services

www.oes.ca.gov

Department of Toxic Waste Substances Control

www.dtsc.ca.gov

State Water Resources Control Board

www.waterboards.ca.gov

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