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## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The mission of the Environmental Health Department (EHD) is to provide environmental services through education, planning, and enforcement, with an emphasis on prevention.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

#### **HOUSING ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

A program established to ensure minimum housing standards in the unincorporated area of the County. The EHD is designated as an enforcement agency for the San Joaquin County Housing and Nuisance Abatement Code, which adopted the State Housing Law and the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings.

**Authority:** San Joaquin County Ordinance Code Section 8-5003, California Health and Safety Code Section 17910 et seq.  
**Funding:** Hourly Rate Fee for Service  
**Clients/Customers:** Unincorporated area Residents, Tenants, and Property Owners  
**Workload:** Approximately 450 active Housing Abatement Cases

#### **HOUSING PROGRAM**

##### **EMPLOYEE HOUSING**

This program is established to ensure compliance with minimum standards of habitation for labor camps as specified in the State Employee Housing Act. Facilities that house five or more agricultural works are inspected prior to and during occupancy on a routine and complaint basis. The State Department of Housing and Community Development audits the EHD inspection program annually to verify that all employee housing facilities meet the minimum standards of the law.

**Authority:** San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Resolution R-72-211; California Health and Safety Code Section 17000-17062.5  
**Funding:** Annual Operating Permit Fees, Hourly Rate, and Service Fees  
**Clients/Customers:** Farm Owners/Operators and Labor Contractors  
**Workload:** 71 active Facilities

## **HOTEL/MOTEL**

This program is established to ensure compliance with State Housing Law requirements related to use, occupancy, sanitation and environmental factors influencing the health and safety of all residents and visitors. Annual and complaint inspections are conducted at hotel and motel facilities located throughout the County.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Section 17961; Stockton Municipal Code Section 7-111.1(h)  
**Funding:** Annual Operating Permit Fees, Hourly Rate and Service Fees  
**Clients/Customers:** Tenants and Business Owners/Operators  
**Workload:** 116 active Facilities

## **INSTITUTIONS**

State law requires the County Health Officer to inspect jail and detention facilities on an annual basis. Housing standards for sanitation, occupancy, and maintenance are evaluated at each detention facility in the County, and the findings are reported to City/County officials and the State Board of Corrections. The EHD also provides consultation on request for the purpose of reducing the incidence of preventable injury, illness, or death.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Section 101045  
**Funding:** General Fund  
**Clients/Customers:** County and City Governments, Wards and Inmates  
**Workload:** 13 active Facilities

## **CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION**

The EHD performs environmental investigations of possible lead sources at the homes of children who have blood lead levels exceeding those established by the State Department of Health Services as part of the Public Health Services Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Contract. These investigations include on-site inspections, interviews with family members, X-ray Florescence (XRF) testing of paint samples or sampling of other possible lead sources such as soil, toys, food products, and hobbies. The EHD also notifies homeowners or occupants if significant sources of lead are found, provides education, requires remediation by an approved contractor, and pursues enforcement action when necessary.

**Authority:** Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Contract as authorized by California Health and Safety Code Section 105290  
**Funding:** State Contract and General Fund  
**Clients/Customers:** Children with elevated blood lead levels and their families, Property Owners, and Schools  
**Workload:** Approximately 35 Cases per year

## **VECTOR CONTROL PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to reduce vector nuisance complaints and the potential health threat of flies, cockroaches or other vectors associated with human disease. Annual inspections are conducted at egg-laying poultry ranches with over 12,000 birds and at animal kennels.

**Authority:** San Joaquin County Ordinance Code Section 5-2300-5-2401  
**Funding:** Annual Operating Permit Fees, Hourly Rate and Service Fees  
**Clients/Customers:** Poultry and Kennel Owners/Operators and General Public  
**Workload:** 25 active Poultry Ranches, 26 active Kennel Facilities

## **RABIES PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to prevent the occurrence of rabies in the domestic animal population and protect humans from exposure to this deadly disease. The County is a rabies endemic area. The investigation and quarantine of biting animals in the unincorporated areas of the County and the Cities of Stockton and Lodi is administered by the San Joaquin County Animal Control Division under contract for the EHD.

**Authority:** California Code of Regulations Title 17, Section 2606  
**Funding:** General Fund  
**Clients/Customers:** Animal Owners and General Public  
**Workload:** Contracted to Animal Control Division

## **FOOD PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to prevent the occurrence of foodborne illnesses and to promote safe food preparation, production, and service in clean and appealing food facilities. The EHD is responsible for conducting routine inspections and issuing permits for all retail food operations in the County, responding to citizen complaints, educating food handlers and operators, and review and approval of construction plans for new and remodeled food facilities.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Section 113725  
**Funding:** Annual Operating Permit Fees, Hourly Rate and Service Fees  
**Clients/Customers:** Food Facility Owners/Operators and Employees, and General Public  
**Workload:** 3,031 Facilities

## **RECREATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to assure that all public recreational waters, swimming pools, and spas are free of safety hazards, disease, and life threatening occurrences. This is accomplished by enforcement of laws and regulations relating to the design, construction, and maintenance of pool facilities. Routine inspections are performed at public swimming pools, spas, and natural bathing areas in the County. The EHD reviews and approves plans for proposed public swimming pools, spas, and resorts and conducts construction inspections.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Sections 116053 and 116055;  
California Code of Regulations Title 22, Sections 65501-65551  
**Funding:** Annual Operating Permit Fees, Hourly Rate, and Service Fees  
**Clients/Customers:** School and Municipal Pool Owners/Operators, Business and Apartment Owners/Operators, Home Owner Associations, Tenants, Residents, General Public, and Pool Contractors  
**Workload:** 580 active Pools/Spas/Natural Bathing areas

## **SMOKING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

The EHD is the designated enforcement agency for AB13 and AB3037, in the unincorporated areas of the County. These laws prohibit smoking in most enclosed work places in the State of California. Compliance with the law is achieved through education with informational packets and issuance of citations to repeat offenders.

**Authority:** California Labor Code Section 6404.5, San Joaquin County Ordinance Code Section 5-1308  
**Funding:** General Fund  
**Clients/Customers:** Unincorporated County Business Owners/Operators, Employees, and General Public  
**Workload:** Approximately 20 Complaints per year

## **MILK PROGRAM**

The EHD is the State approved Milk Inspection Service Agency for the County. Responsibility for inspection and quality control for dairy farm sanitation and milk grading is delegated by the State Department of Food and Agriculture. Dairies producing market and manufacturing milk are inspected four times per year for sanitation and routine milk samples for quality control are collected every four to five weeks.

**Authority:** California Food and Agricultural Code Section 32503.  
**Funding:** Per Gallon Fee assessed on Milk produced, Annual Operating Permit Fees for Milk Dispensers, Hourly Rate, and Service Fees  
**Clients/Customers:** Dairy Farm Owners/Operators, Milk Processors, Food Facility Owners/Operators, and General Public  
**Workload:** 155 Dairies, 31 Milk Dispensers

## **LIQUID WASTE PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to prevent the spread of disease and environmental contamination by ensuring proper handling and disposal of sewage effluent. State law requires regulation of septage pumper trucks and yards, and chemical toilets. Local ordinances and standards govern construction, permitting and inspection of package treatment plants; and the construction, repair and destruction of on-site septic systems.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Sections 117415-117420; San Joaquin County Ordinance Code Section 5-2902, 5-3016, 9-1110  
**Funding:** Construction, Destruction and Repair Permit Fees, Annual Operating Permit Fees for Package Wastewater Treatment Plants, Hourly Rate, and Service Fees  
**Clients/Customers:** Home Owners, Business Owners/Operators, Real Estate Developers, Liquid Waste Haulers, Septic Contractors, POTWs, and General Public  
**Workload:** Approximately 850 Septic Permits, 30 Treatment Plants, 55 Pumper Trucks and Yards, 587 Chemical Toilets

## **SMALL PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to protect public health and prevent disease by assuring that small public water supplies are at all times safe, potable, and available in adequate quantity. The EHD has been delegated authority as a Local Primacy Agency by the State Department of Health Services for the inspection and surveillance of small public water systems (15 to 200 service connections or greater than 25 consumers) in San Joaquin County. Regulation of State Small Public Water systems (having between five and 14 service connections) is also performed as required by State law.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Sections 116330-116345, and 116800  
**Funding:** Annual Operating Permit Fees, State Enforcement Augmentation Grant, Hourly Rate, and Service Fees  
**Clients/Customers:** Business Owners/Operators, Schools, County and Community Water System Operators, Residents, Consumers, Contractors, and Analytical Laboratories  
**Workload:** 343 Small Public Water Systems

## **WELL SYSTEMS PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to prevent groundwater contamination and safety hazards by regulation of the location, construction, repair, and destruction of water supply, monitoring and geophysical wells, and borings.

<b>Authority:</b>	<b>California Water Code Section 13801; San Joaquin County Ordinance Code Sections 5-4303, 9-1115, Municipal Codes of Lodi, Manteca, Tracy, Escalon, and Ripon</b>
<b>Funding:</b>	<b>Construction, Destruction and Repair Permit Fees, Hourly Rate, and Service Fees</b>
<b>Clients/Customers:</b>	<b>Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Agricultural Property Owners/Operators, Real Estate Developers, Residents, Contractors, Geotechnical Consultants, County, City, and Community Water, and System Operators</b>
<b>Workload:</b>	<b>1,250 Well, Pump and Boring Permits</b>

## **LAND USE/LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to prevent health hazards and mitigate environmental degradation from land development projects. In the County the EHD staff serves as advisors to the County Planning Commission. The EHD staff investigates and evaluates County land use applications involving subdivision and parcel maps, site plans, variances, use permits, environmental impact reports, business licenses. Projects are evaluated for compliance with laws regarding domestic water supply, sewage and solid waste disposal, and vector control. The EHD staff attends pre-application conferences, development committee, and Planning Commission meetings.

<b>Authority:</b>	<b>San Joaquin County Ordinance Code Sections 9-205.4(d), 9-1105.2, and 1120.2-1120.3</b>
<b>Funding:</b>	<b>EHD portion of certain Land Use Fees collected by the Community Development Department, Hourly Rate Fees for Soil Suitability and Nitrate Loading Study Reviews</b>
<b>Clients/Customers:</b>	<b>Property Owners/Operators, Business Owners/Operators, Real Estate Developers, Contractors, and General Public</b>
<b>Workload:</b>	<b>Approximately 800 Land Use and Business License Reviews; 75 Planning and Community Development Meetings</b>

## **SOLID WASTE PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to protect the public health and the environment from the effects of improper storage, collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste including flies, rodents, scenic blight, public nuisances, and water pollution. The EHD is certified by the State as the Local Enforcement Agency for enforcement of solid waste laws and regulations within the unincorporated area of the County and all of the incorporated cities except the City of Stockton. Activities include monthly inspections of landfill sites and transfer stations. Annual inspections are performed on refuse vehicles, cannery waste disposal, animal feeding, and other permitted solid waste sites.

<b>Authority:</b>	<b>San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Resolution R-92-112; San Joaquin County Ordinance Code Sections 5-2100 through 5-2900 et seq.; California Public Resources Code Section 43101</b>
<b>Funding:</b>	<b>Per Ton Tipping fee on Waste Disposed of in Landfills located in the Unincorporated area of the County, Annual Operating Permit Fees, State Solid Waste Enforcement Assistance Grant, Hourly Rate, and Service Fees</b>
<b>Clients/Customers:</b>	<b>County/City Governments, Waste Management Companies, Agricultural and Food Processing Operations, and General Public</b>
<b>Workload:</b>	<b>3 Landfills, 27 Solid Waste Facilities, and 311 Refuse Vehicles</b>

# **UNIFIED HAZARDOUS WASTE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT REGULATORY PROGRAM (UNIFIED PROGRAM)**

## **CERTIFIED UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY (CUPA)**

The purpose of the Unified Program is to consolidate, coordinate, and make consistent the administrative requirements, permitting, inspection activities, enforcement activities, and fees for hazardous waste and hazardous materials programs in each jurisdiction. The EHD was approved by the State as the CUPA for San Joaquin County in January of 1997. The EHD administers the Hazardous Waste Generator, Hazardous Waste Onsite Treatment (Tiered Permitting), and Underground Storage Tank programs. The San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services is a Participating Agency administering the Hazardous Material Release Response Plan and Inventories and the Accidental Release Prevention programs.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Section 25180; San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Resolution R-95-760

## **HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is protection of public health and the environment from exposure to hazardous wastes by regulation of the businesses and industries that generate hazardous waste. This is accomplished through a comprehensive program of inspection, chemical emergency response, surveillance, complaint investigation, and assistance to industry, enforcement, and public education.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Section 25200 et seq.; California Code of Regulations Title 22, Section 66001 et seq.

**Funding:** Annual Operating Permit Fees, Hourly Rate, and Service Fees

**Clients/Customers:** Business Owners/Operators, Public Agencies, Property Owners, General Public

**Workload:** 931 Facilities

## **HAZARDOUS WASTE TIERED PERMITTING PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is ensure that hazardous wastes treated on site prior to reuse or disposal are stored, handled and disposed of in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. Inspection, surveillance and permitting is required as part of the County Unified Program.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Sections 25200.3 and 25201.5; California Code of Regulations Title 22, Section 67450.2 et seq.

**Funding:** Annual Operating Permit Fees, Hourly Rate, and Service Fees

**Clients/Customers:** Business Owners/Operators, Public Agencies

**Workload:** 66 Facilities

## **UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to protect public health and the environment from exposure to hazardous materials stored in underground storage tanks (USTs). The primary focus is on protection of groundwater from contamination. Activities include inspection, permitting, monitoring, repair, installation, and removal of USTs. UST sites with identified contamination are referred to the EHD Site Mitigation Unit for cleanup oversight.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Section 25280 et seq.; California Code of Regulations Title 22, Section 2620 et seq.; San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Resolution R-84-513

**Funding:** Construction, Removal and Repair Permit Fees, Annual Operating Permit Fees, Hourly Rate and Service Fees

**Clients/Customers:** Business Owners/Operators, Agricultural Operations, Public Agencies, Property Owners, Contractors, Environmental Consultants, Lending Institutions, and General Public

**Workload:** 312 active UST Facilities

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM**

The EHD staff is part of the interagency emergency response team for incidents involving hazardous material spills or releases. The EHD performs a health assessment to evaluate actual or potential environmental contamination and/or human exposure. The EHD provides recommendations for short and long term cleanup and oversees the cleanup activities performed by the responsible parties or environmental assessment firms. Health follow-up of exposed individuals and their physicians is also conducted. Complaints regarding improper disposal of household hazardous waste are also investigated by the EHD.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Sections 25200 et seq. and 101040  
**Funding:** Hourly Rate and Service Fees, Fines and Penalties, and General Fund  
**Clients/Customers:** Business and Property Owners/Operators, Law Enforcement Officials, Public Agencies, Contractors, and General Public  
**Workload:** 200 Complaints/Incident Responses

## **MEDICAL WASTE PROGRAM**

The purpose of this program is to protect the general public, health care facility and solid waste management personnel from injury and exposure to pathogenic organisms in medical wastes. Program activities ensure that doctors, dentists, hospitals, and so on, handle, transport, store, and dispose of all medical waste as specified in the California Medical Waste Management Act.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Section 117620  
**Funding:** Annual Operating Permit Fees, Hourly Rate, and Service Fees  
**Clients/Customers:** Medical/Dental/Veterinary Business Owners/Operators, Hospitals, Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Waste Management Personnel, and General Public  
**Workload:** 63 Facilities

## **UST LOCAL OVERSIGHT PROGRAM (LOP)**

The purpose of this program to ensure adequate and appropriate cleanup of environmental contamination associated with leaks and spills from USTs. The EHD performs oversight of investigation and cleanup activities at soil or groundwater contaminated sites under a contract with the State Water Resources Control Board. The contract provides reimbursement of EHD staff costs and associated service, supply, and equipment costs. LOP contracts are in excess of \$500,000 per year.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Section 25297.1  
**Funding:** State Contract  
**Clients/Customers:** Property Owners, Real Estate Professionals, Lending Institutions, Public Agencies, and General Public  
**Workload:** 341 LOP Sites

## **SITE MITIGATION PROGRAM**

Activities in this program are similar to those in the LOP, but are directed at cases that do not meet criteria for the LOP and are within the scope of EHD staff expertise. This program includes the UST Corrective Action Program which is authorized by State and Federal Underground Tank Law. The EHD also participates in inspection and review activities at State and Federal EPA sites.

**Authority:** California Health and Safety Code Sections 101480 and 25299.37  
**Funding:** Well and Boring Permit Fees, Hourly Rate Fees  
**Clients/Customers:** Property Owners, Real Estate Professionals, Lending Institutions, Public Agencies, and General Public  
**Workload:** 375 Sites

**Questions or concerns related to any of the above program areas should be referred to the ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT at (209) 468-3420.**