



Memorandum

MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Reviewed by Wmm Date 9.8.08
General Manager

DATE: September 4, 2008
TO: General Manager
FROM: HHW/LCM Manager
SUBJECT: Update on District Hazardous Materials Policy and Waste Screening Program

BACKGROUND

At the March 21st Board meeting, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2008-03, establishing punitive measures for non-compliance with the District's Hazardous Materials Policy and Upgraded Waste Screening Program, as modified by legal counsel to include language that the punitive measures would be applied on a case-by-case basis within the discretion of the General Manager or his designee. The Board directed staff to report back in six months with an update on the progress of the Hazardous Materials Policy and the Waste Screening Program.

1. Hazardous Materials Policy Update

As of September 1st, 2008, 432 out of the 512 charge account customers have signed and returned the "customer compliance certification" document, related to the management of hazardous waste. The letter has been signed by all of the franchise haulers and large accounts that deliver the majority of the refuse to the landfill. Also, all new account customers are required to sign the document before the account is opened. The remainder of the accounts that have not signed are subject to the following measures:

- Assessment of a higher disposal fee up to the Problem Waste rate of \$90 per ton.
- Loss of charge account privileges at the District.
- Transference of names of non-compliant customers to the LEA.
- Subject of targeted waste screening.

To this day, District staff has not had to apply any of these measures to our account customers other than our normal visual and documented waste screenings.

We have had four incidents where a significant amount (approximately 15 gallons) of hazardous materials was found within franchise haulers drop box loads during routine waste inspections. When this occurs, District staff bills the hauler for the cleanup and safe disposal of the waste.

2. Waste Screening Program Update

New aggressive practices and procedures have been established to develop and maintain an upgraded waste screening program. The District's consultant, Larry Sweetser, of Larry Sweetser and Associates, provided information and recommended a number of changes to the existing policy. Included in those recommendations were:

1. Adding additional signage at the scale house.
2. Handing out hazardous materials information flyers to customers at the time of payment.
3. Adding a "load inspection area" at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

In addition, 4 employees attended a state-wide waste screening seminar. 6 employees attended a SWANA Regional waste screening training class held in Seaside and 80 employees participated in an on-site waste screening training program in August, which was conducted by Mr. Sweetser.

Also, in September 2007, the District increased the amount of documented load checks from 5 documented inspections per week, to 25 documented inspections and 50 visual inspections per week.

3. Waste Screening Results: September 2007 through July 2008

- 1,125 documented inspections.
- 68 loads contained hazardous wastes which all were managed within the District's program and protocol for household hazardous waste; of those:
 - 32 loads contained less than 1 gallon of household hazardous waste.
 - 23 loads contained E-waste or universal waste, including household batteries and/or fluorescent tubes.
 - 5 loads contained 1 to 5 gallons of household hazardous waste.
 - 4 loads brought in by franchise haulers contained 10 to 15 gallons of household hazardous waste.
 - 4 loads brought in by non-account customers contained over 15 gallons of household hazardous waste materials; District staff inventoried the material, and notified the LEA.

CONCLUSION

District staff continues to take an aggressive approach to ensure the safety of its employees and customers by keeping hazardous materials from entering the landfill and the MRF. We will continue to offer training to our employees, work with the franchise haulers on the safe handling of hazardous materials, and educate the public on the proper disposal of these materials.



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