



**Welcome Rachel Genus, Office Technician, REHS Program**

Rachel joins the REHS team as our new part-time office technician. She will be answering the phones and assisting us in all areas of the program activities. Her contact information is listed below. Congratulations Rachel, we are so grateful for your assistance and professionalism!

**Continuing Education**

If your registration expires this year and you wish to remain actively registered, you must submit proof of the required 24 contact hours of continuing education (CE). Only approved coursework or training provided by a CDPH approved Accreditation Agency (AA) completed between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2013 will be credited toward the 24 hours for this renewal cycle. Renewals received for active registrants deficient in CEs will be considered incomplete and will be returned. The REHS program conducts a random audit of 10 percent of the total of forms submitted upon receipt. If you are chosen for audit, you will be contacted by email and asked to submit all the certificates of completion for all courses listed on the Continuing Education Verification Form. Please keep copies of the training certificates for a minimum of five years. **If my registration is currently in retired status and I wish to return to work, what information do I need to provide?** You can switch your registration status at anytime during the 2-year renewal period. You must complete the 24 hours of continuing education before your registration status is changed. If you have already paid the retired fee for the two year renewal, you must submit an additional \$150 along with the 24 hours of continuing education.

**Environmental Health Specialist Registration Committee (EHSRC) and Subcommittee Activities**

The full EHSRC meets twice a year to discuss activities and will make recommendations to CDPH to ensure the proper administration and enforcement of the California Health and Safety Code, Section 106600-106735. This year, the committee has approved curriculum changes for California State University, Northridge and Loma Linda University and is currently reviewing A Code of Ethics/Code of Conduct for the REHS program. During the April 2013 meeting, the members agreed on a design for a self-inked stamp for active registrants. The information for the stamp is located on the REHS webpage or you can call us directly and we can give you the design criteria.

The Educational and Professional Standards subcommittee meets on a regular basis to review and update the educational criteria, review and recommend actions regarding the acceptance or denial of courses and reviews online courses for trainees who need to meet the REHS educational requirements.

The Registration Process subcommittee meets on an as needed schedule to discuss Training Plans, examination results and other issues. Currently, the subcommittee is preparing the steps in implementing the Code of Ethics/ Code of Conduct and working on a guide for disciplinary hearings.

**REHS Statistics as of June 2013**

Active and current: 2690  
Retired: 726

Trainee applicants: 1718  
Suspended: 419

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