

Comings and Goings

Deann Kanenaga has returned to the REHS Program to work on the continuing education program. Deann worked for the program two years ago and is a strong addition to the REHS team. Her focus will be to develop the implementation plan for the continuing education program. She has prepared a Gantt chart to provide us with critical milestones for program development and is coordinating meetings of stakeholders to insure we “hit the ground running” once the regulations become effective.

Angie Medina, our Office Technician, has found other employment. We are currently looking for a replacement. Happily, Amy Kuang, who currently works in the Environmental Management Branch, increased her hours to full-time and has already assumed the responsibilities at the registration desk.

Continuing Education Regulations

Currently, the regulation package is under review by the Department of Finance.

REHS Exam Development

A new concise item category system was developed using the results from the job analysis. In September 2007 and February 2008 we reviewed exam questions or items and identified appropriate categories in accordance with the knowledge and skill outlines. This will allow us to identify weak spots in the item pool so that item writing can be focused most effectively. This also helps to ensure that the exam is an accurate reflection of the job requirements.

Training Coordinators

A meeting was held at the CEHA update in Tahoe. At this meeting we refined the outline of knowledge and skills in the vector and housing program elements. The next meeting is scheduled for the CEHA AES March 26th 3:30 – 5:30 in San Diego where we discuss the hazardous materials and solid waste program elements.

Student Forum

CEHA is again sponsoring a student forum at their Annual Education Symposium in San Diego March 26th from 10:45 – 11:30. This event will feature an opportunity for interested students to get one on one counseling from working professionals. Visit www.CEHA.org for more information.

EHSR Committee

A committee meeting was held on November 28th in Anaheim. Dianne Martinez, CEHA representative, completed her four year term during which she presided over the committee as Chair person. We are looking forward to CEHA's nomination of a replacement.

Interested persons are welcome to attend EHSRC meetings. The meeting minutes are posted on the CDPH web site once they become official. The next EHSRC meeting will be at the Kona Kai Resort in San Diego in conjunction with the annual CEHA AES, Tuesday March 25th at 9AM.

University Programs

San Diego State University, Graduate School of Public Health has applied to the Department for approval of their Environmental Health curriculum as an Option V program. This would mean that graduates from SDSU-GSPH in the Environmental Health track would be eligible to take the REHS exam upon graduation. Their application is currently under review.

REHS Statistics as of February 2008

Active and current REHS	3045
Retired REHS	325
Suspended REHS *	373
Total	3743

* Currently suspended for failure to pay registration fees.

New REHS in 2007	110 (included in active REHS)
Certiﬁable applicants	1358 (meet minimum educational requirements)
