



REHS Program Report May 2009

Continuing Education Regulations

The forty-five day public comment period ended February 9th 2009 with a public hearing held in Sacramento. Comments have been received from a variety of persons in the profession and all comments will be reviewed and addressed by the REHS Program staff. These responses are directed to the Office of Regulations to ensure any outstanding defect in the regulation package is corrected. Generally the comments favor the establishment of these regulations. If changes to the regulations are required, the corrected version of the regulations will be subject to another 15 day comment period.

The current version of the continuing education regulations is on the REHS web site along with “Frequently Asked Questions”.

www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/occupations/Pages/REHS.aspx

REHS Exam

The new exam policy that requires candidates to complete a written request for examination has been successful in limiting the number of “no shows” for the exam. Under the new policy exam candidates who don’t appear to the exam administration will pay a handling fee of \$30 before they are admitted to any subsequent exam.

Training Coordinators

The final study guide will be presented to the Training Coordinators at their next meeting. Next steps include recruiting volunteers for exam question writing and revising the reference materials list. The Training Coordinator’s meeting will be held at the AES in Monterey Thursday 2:30-4:00PM.

Student Forum

CEHA members Arthur Surdilla, Bob Herr, Matt Krenz, Harry Yee and of course Lori B. have worked doggedly to persuade local students to participate in the upcoming student forum at the Annual Education Symposium in Monterey 2009. The same format as last year will feature an opportunity for interested students to get one-on-one counseling from working professionals. 12 students will spend 5 minutes each with 12 REHS for a brief but personal insight into the profession and its diversity.

University Programs

Members of the environmental health specialist registration committee visited UCLA-School of Public Health in November 2008. It was fascinating to see their labs and the work they do in public health and environmental health exposures. Their REHS program is still under review.

REHS Statistics

Date	# active REHS	Retired REHS	Suspended	Cert. applicants
April 2009	3125 **	438	298	1680
February 2009	3024	436	423	1669
September 2008	3193	337	266	1551
May 2008	3144	336	274	1439
February 2008	3045	325	373	1358
August 2007	3190	411	161	na

** 55 successful 2009 March exam candidates **not** included.

as of April 2009

Active and current REHS	3125
Retired REHS	438
Suspended REHS *	298
Total	3861

* Currently suspended for failure to pay registration fees.
New REHS in 2008 142 (included in active REHS)

Certifiable applicants 1680 (meet minimum educational requirements)