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Environmental Health Division

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Blue oak, Ireland Ranch. Courtesy Andrew Fulks.

The Yolo County Health Department Environmental Health Division plays an integral role in public health from maintaining safe drinking water and food to protecting the public's safety through the control and cleanup of hazardous materials. The Environmental Health Division works closely with other health department divisions, county agencies, businesses, and residents to protect and promote public health.

The mission of the Yolo County Environmental Health Division is to protect and enhance the quality of life of Yolo County residents by identifying, assessing, mitigating, and preventing environmental hazards. The division is comprised of the Hazardous Materials Unit and the Consumer Protection Unit.

Environmental Health Division Annual Activities, 2009 ⁶⁸	Number
Animal Bite Investigations (bats, dogs, cats, etc.)	521
Foodborne Illness Complaints	10
Hazardous Material Incident Responses	89
Infestation Investigations (bats, rodents, roaches)	21
Land Use Project Reviews	640
Review/Oversight of Hazardous Waste/Leaky UST Sites	253
Solid Waste Nuisance Investigations	7
Water Samples Collected for Testing	1,384

American Red Cross Month • Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month • National Nutrition Month • National Poison Prevention Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i>	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 <i>First Day of Spring</i>	21	22	23	24 World TB Day	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Consumer Protection

The Consumer Protection Unit responsibilities include regulation of retail food facilities (e.g., restaurants), public water systems, water production wells, sewage disposal systems, public swimming pools and spas, tattoo, and body art facilities. This unit also responds to complaints related to any of the above facilities.

Additionally, the Consumer Protection Unit also provides environmental review of land use development, rabies and vector-borne disease prevention.

Sites Regulated by the Environmental Health Division, 2009 ⁶⁸	Number
Above-Ground Storage Tank Facilities (farm and non-farm)	222
Certified Farmer's Market Locations	5
CalARP Facilities (high hazard materials)	13
Hazardous Materials Storage, Handling, and Use Facilities	1,164
Hazardous Waste Generator Facilities (farm and non-farm)	831
Hazardous Waste Treatment Facilities	5
Liquid Waste/Septic Systems	77
Public Pools and Spas	358
Retail Food Establishments (fixed and mobile)	1,059
Retail Tobacco Facilities	50
Solid Waste Disposal Sites	16
Tattoo and Body Piercing Facilities	4
Underground Storage Tank Facilities	105
Waste Tire Generators	246
Waste Transport Vehicles (refuse and septic)	112
Water Wells/Monitor Wells & Borings	593

Hazardous Materials Unit

The Hazardous Materials Unit responds to hazardous material emergency incidents as part of the Yolo County Hazmat Response Team. The unit provides oversight of environmental cleanup after an emergency, regulates solid waste disposal and recycling facilities, and permits and inspects all wells, tests wells, soil borings, or soil penetrations encountering groundwater. As a Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA), this unit also regulates facilities involved in storing, handling, generating, recycling and/or treating hazardous materials and waste, including underground and above-ground storage tanks.

- Environmental Health Division
- Restaurant inspection results online
- Report an animal bite, food poisoning

www.yolohealth.org (click on 'Environmental Health' on left toolbar)
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