



CENTRAL MARIN SANITATION AGENCY

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MCSTOPPP
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Dear Ms. Fashing;

Within our service areas, the Central Marin Sanitary Agency (CMSA) implements a Pretreatment Program to reduce the pollutants discharged into sanitary sewers by industries, and a Pollution Prevention Program to go beyond the Pretreatment Program in reducing discharge of problem pollutants to the sanitary sewer. These programs are implemented through various CMSA permit programs which include inspections of permitted businesses and industries. Basic and in-depth stormwater inspections are incorporated into these routine business inspections and stormwater issues are reported to local stormwater coordinators, who perform necessary outreach and enforcement. Under an agreement with the City of San Rafael, CMSA staff may issue City citations for violation of the City's Stormwater Ordinance. The agreement specifies that CMSA responsibility/authority is limited to events related to facilities that CMSA is regulating with sanitary wastewater permits, Best Management Practices (BMPs) or self-certifications. 800-SAV-R-BAY hotline responds to county wide stormwater complaints and also refers callers to the appropriate stormwater authority. Three phone calls were referred and one inspection performed as a result of calls to the 800 number.

Fiscal year 7/1/11 through 6/30/12 stormwater inspection results are as follows:

Central Marin Sanitary Agency staff conducted basic stormwater inspections at auto repair shops or related facilities, such as commercial car wash and rental car businesses. The number of businesses inspected, citations issued, and referrals to stormwater coordinators are listed below by city/town:

San Rafael: 149 inspections, 0 citations, several warnings
Corte Madera: 19 inspections, 0 referrals
Fairfax: 9 inspections, 0 referrals
Greenbrae (unincorporated Marin County): 12 inspections, 1 referrals
Larkspur: 6 inspections, 1 referrals
San Anselmo: 9 inspections, 0 referrals



Businesses under our Industrial/Commercial permits received in-depth stormwater inspections as follows:

San Rafael: 18 inspections, 0 citations
Corte Madera: 4 inspections, 0 referrals
Larkspur: 1 inspection, 0 referrals
San Anselmo: 1 inspection, 0 referrals

Nine dry cleaning businesses received basic stormwater inspections as follows:

San Rafael: 6 inspections, citations
Corte Madera: 1 inspections, referrals
Fairfax: 1 inspections, 0 referrals
Larkspur: inspections, referrals
San Anselmo: 1 inspections, 0 referrals

The CMSA Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) Program includes inspections of grease recycle bins at Food Service Facilities (FSEs) or restaurants. The objective of this program is to reduce clogging of sanitary sewers and overflows to storm drains. In FY 11-12, CMSA conducted 273 inspections in San Rafael, and 214 inspections in the Ross Valley Sanitary District service area (Fairfax, Greenbrae, Kentfield, Larkspur, Ross, and San Anselmo), 41 inspections in the Town of Corte Madera, and 12 inspection for Tamalpais Community Services District (Mill Valley). Several stormwater issues are discussed during inspections with FSEs and requirements to move grease recycle bins to areas where stormwater issues are contained or eliminated. Outdoor mat washing and cleaning are discussed and additional warnings or citations issued if problems persist. Several warnings were issued during inspections and at least two grease recycle bins were moved to covered areas.

Sincerely,



Robert Cole
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