

CAL/EPA ENFORCEMENT TRAINING TEAM

Summary of Activities 2013

I. CAL/EPA ENFORCEMENT TRAINING TEAM

The Cal/EPA Enforcement Training Team provides training and outreach to field personnel of state and local regulatory agencies to ensure consistent, effective and coordinated enforcement as mandated in Government Code §12812.2. The amount of time each team member spends on this assignment varies, as all the staff has other workload and program assignments. Available staff time has been reduced due to staff reductions and travel restrictions. The Cal/EPA Enforcement Training Team is led by Alan Ito of Department of Toxic Substances Control and who prepared this report. The Cal/EPA Enforcement Training web page is:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Training/>.

Team Members for 2013:

| Name | Agency | Title | Term |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Alan Ito Lead | Dept. of Toxic Substances Control | Sr. Environmental Scientist | 1/2008 – present |
| Tom Raschke | Air Resources Board | Air Pollution Specialist | 10/11 - present |
| Dustin Goto | Air Resources Board | Air Pollution Specialist | 10/11- 06/14 |
| Kim Nguyen | Air Resources Board | Air Pollution Specialist | 6/09 – 10/12 |
| Dylan Seidner | State Water Resources Control Board | Environmental Scientist | 4/13 - present |
| Christine Rico | State Water Resources Control Board | Environmental Scientist | 4/10 – 4/13 |
| Monica DeAnda | Dept. of Pesticide Regulation | Environmental Scientist | 4/13 – present |

II. ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

1) Cal/EPA Basic Inspector Academy (BIA)

The Training Team held nine BIAs were held in 2013 across the state, teaching a total of 214 students the basics of environmental inspection.

This course is given by the Cal/EPA Enforcement Training Team in conjunction with local Deputy District Attorney’s prosecutors presenting “preparation for trial”. The BIA teaches environmental regulatory inspectors core knowledge, skills, and cross-media awareness needed

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to conduct quality inspections, successfully interact with, and communicate the importance of regulatory compliance to, the regulated community. The information provided at the BIA is designed to complement training in the students' own program area. The target audiences are the regulatory staff of the Cal/EPA agencies or its local partner agencies and have 2 years or less experience in the compliance/inspection field. The course materials are from a variety of sources and are not intended to replace or override specific training attendees may receive from their own agencies. The training is designed for government regulatory inspectors.

The course is always given at government offices or other free locations. There is no charge for the course. The BIA is staffed by the Cal/EPA Enforcement Training team and supplemented by local regulators, investigators and prosecutors located in the area where the class is given who volunteer as instructors and facilitators.

Attendees must complete the 4 hour online Fundamental Inspector Course (FIC) training course prior to attending the BIA in order to receive course certification. The FIC is also a standalone course that may be taken by anyone at anytime.

The classroom portion of the BIA focuses on search and seizure issues, sampling awareness, interviewing and communication skills and report writing. Students work in groups; complete a mock inspection and write an inspection report based on the mock inspection and the principles learned during the week. Reports are analyzed by the entire class and by local prosecutors. The attorneys also conduct mock testimony with the students. Because of the interactive exercises, the class size is limited to 35-40 students.

BIA is certified 24 hours for Registered Environmental Health Specialists.
BIA associated with Evergreen College located in San Jose offered ½ unit of college credit for Environmental Studies.

Date: **Aug 14 - 17**
Location: Dublin, CA
Alameda Public Works Conference Room
Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Mike Oppido, Alameda County District Attorney Investigator), Keith Kihara (DTSC), Christie Baultista (DTSC), Ken Mifsud (Alameda County Deputy District Attorney)
Student Numbers: 34

Date: **Sept 11 - 14**
Location: Redding, CA
Shasta County Office of Emergency Service
Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Tom Raschke, Lisa Brown (Cal/EPA), Matt Carr (CDAAC Circuit Prosecutor)
Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Tom Raschke
Student Numbers: 13

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Date: Oct 9 -12
Locations: Bakersfield, CA
Kern County Emergency Operations Center
Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Glenn Forman (DTSC), Christie Baultista (DTSC), Heidi D'Agostino (Yolo County District Attorney Investigator), John Mitchell (Kern County Deputy District Attorney)
Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Glenn Forman, Christie Baultista
Student Numbers: 32

Date: November 13 - 16
Location: Auburn, CA
Placer County Government Center
Team instructor Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Tom Raschke, Glenn Forman (DTSC) Lisa Brown (Cal/EPA), Jane Crue (Placer County Deputy District Attorney)
Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Tom Raschke, Glenn Forman
Students Numbers: 19

Date: January 15 – 18
Location: Los Angeles, CA
Los Angeles City Public Works
Team instructor: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Tom Raschke, Glenn Forman (DTSC), Christie Baultista (DTSC), Erica Martin (US EPA Environmental Enforcement Counsel)
Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Tom Raschke, Glenn Forman
Student Numbers: 35

Date: February 26 – March 1
Location: Merced, CA
Merced County Department of Public Health
Team instructors: Alan Ito, Tom Raschke, Dustin Goto, Glenn Forman (DTSC), Christie Baultista (DTSC), Matt Carr (CDAA Circuit Prosecutor), Robert Nichols (CDAA Circuit Prosecutor)
Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Tom Raschke, Glen Forman, Christie Baultista
Student Numbers: 15

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Date: March 11 - 14
Locations: Sacramento, CA
DTSC, Cal Center Regional Office

Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, John Elkins (Sacramento County Environmental Health), Lisa Brown (ARB), Keith Kihara (DTSC), Christie Baultista (DTSC), Jerry Yoshoka (Contra Costa County Health Service), Matt Maclear (Cal/EPA), Jay Cross (DTSC Office of Legal Affair)

Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Keith Kihara, Christie Baultista
Student Numbers: 36

Date: May 7 -10
Location: Camarillo, CA
Ventura County Regional Training Center

Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dylan Seidner, Dustin Goto, Christie Baultista (DTSC), Mitch Disney and Linda Grorberg (Ventura County Deputy District Attorney)

Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dylan Seidner, Dustin Goto, Christie Baultista
Student Numbers: 16

Date: June 10 -13
Location: Chico, CA
California State University - Chico

Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Tom Raschke, Hal Thomas (Butte County Deputy District Attorney), Matt Maclear (Cal/EPA)

Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Tom Raschke
Student Numbers: 14

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Cal/EPA Basic Inspector Academy Summary

| County Location | # Students | Air | Water | Pesticides | Code Enforcement | Solid Waste | Haz. Waste/UST/CUPA | Non-government |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alameda | 19 | | | | | 14 | 5 | |
| Amador | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| Butte | 5 | | | 3 | | | 2 | |
| Contra Costa | 3 | | | | 2 | 1 | | |
| Colusa | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| El Dorado | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Humboldt | 3 | | | | 3 | | | |
| Kern | 15 | | | | 15 | | | |
| Los Angeles | 30 | | 21 | | 9 | | | |
| Madera | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| Mariposa | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Mendocino | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Merced | 2 | | | | | | 2 | |
| Monterey | 2 | | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Nevada | 6 | | | 2 | | | 4 | |
| Orange | 4 | | 3 | | | | 1 | |
| Placer | 6 | 1 | | 1 | | | 4 | |
| Riverside | 3 | 3 | | | | | | |
| San Diego | 4 | | | 2 | | | 2 | |
| San Joaquin | 9 | 2 | 2 | | 3 | | 2 | |
| Santa Clara | 5 | | | | | 2 | 3 | |
| San Mateo | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |
| San Barbara | 3 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Shasta | 3 | 1 | | 2 | | | | |
| Solano | 5 | | 1 | 1 | | | 3 | |
| Sonoma | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| Stanislaus | 4 | | | | 2 | | 2 | |
| Tehama | 3 | 1 | | | | | 2 | |
| Ventura | 7 | 3 | | | | 2 | 2 | |
| Yuba | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| State of Nevada | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| CDF&A | 3 | | | 3 | | | | |
| C Depart of Energy | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| Tribal | 2 | | | | | | 2 | |
| Non-Governmental | 19 | | | | | | | 19 |
| Cal/EPA | 37 | 9 | 6 | 7 | | 6 | 9 | |
| Totals | 214 | 24 | 33 | 25 | 36 | 25 | 52 | 19 |

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When asked what part of the training was the most valuable the most common response was mock testimony and the opportunity to interact with prosecutors. We have obtained class evaluations from students for some time. Hard copy paper survey was used as the survey. For additional information on the course, see: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Training/>.

2) Cal/EPA Fundamental Inspector Online Course (FIC)

659 students enrolled in the FIC in 2013. This 6 hour course contains an overview of Cal/EPA Boards, Departments, Offices and local agencies, environmental law, environmental science, the role of the environmental inspector and basic field health and safety. This class is a prerequisite for attending the Basic Inspector Academy. Although the course was designed for new environmental inspectors, any new government or regulated facility employee, or member of the public may also find this training helpful. (<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Training/>).

II. One Day Environmental Enforcement Training

This course is designed to help regulatory and enforcement personnel improve their skills in conducting effective and professional environmental inspections and investigations. The course also is an opportunity for state, federal and local regulators and investigators to obtain training, network with others in their local area and meet their local prosecutors. The course also allows local inspectors and regulators to meet staff from other agencies who work in their county and to talk to their local prosecutors; providing both horizontal (cross program) and vertical (regulator to prosecutor) networking. The course is free. The course usually includes the following subjects:

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| 1. Access, Entry and Warrants | 5. Report Writing |
| 2. Conducting Effective Interviews | 6. Environmental Crimes |
| 3. Elements of a Violation | 7. Enforcement Options |
| 4. Evidence to Prove a Violation | 8. Case Development & Referral |

Most of these subjects are from the Cal/EPA Basic Inspector Academy, although they are modified for the one day course. The course is certified for continuing education credits for Registered Environmental Health Specialists.

In Training Year 2013, the BDO team conducted two “One Day Environmental Enforcement Training” for the following counties:

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| Date: | March 26, 2013 |
| Location: | Monterey County UC Cooperative Extension, Salinas, CA |
| Counties Involved: | Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties |
| Instructors: | Alan Ito, Kim Nguyen (ARB), Emily McGough and Diji Ndreu (Monterey County Deputy District Attorney), Heather Hardee (Monterey County District Attorney Investigator) |
| Number of Student: | 60 students |

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Date: June 6, 2013
Location: Stern Grove, San Francisco, CA
Counties involved: San Francisco, Alameda, Santa Clara, Marin, and San Mateo
Instructors: Matt Maclear (Cal/EPA), Alan Ito, Hansen Pang (San Francisco District Attorney Investigator), Rebecca Wagener (San Francisco County Assistant District Attorney)
Number of Students: 76

III. Environmental Enforcement Training Coordination Forum

On August 10, 2010 the Environmental Enforcement Training Coordination Forum came into existence. The membership consist of: the CUPA Forum Board, California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association, Cal/EPA, the Western States Project, the California District Attorney Association, Department of Parks and Recreation, Commission on Peace Officer Standards of Training (POST), and California Specialize Training Institute (CSTI), San Luis Obispo and is chaired by Alan Ito. The mission of this Forum is to coordinate, consolidate, and make consistent environmental enforcement training. The Forum met twice in 2013 in April and August.