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HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL

DATE OF REQUEST: 08/29/11
 DEPARTMENT NAME: Health & Human Services
 TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES TRAVELING: 3
 NAME & TITLE OF EMPLOYEE(S) TRAVELING: Jose Gonzalez, Luis Galvan & Elizardo Ramos

EVENT INFORMATION

TITLE OF EVENT: OSSF Designated Representative Course
 EVENT DATE(S) FROM: 10/11/11 TO: 10/14/11
 DEPARTURE DATE: 10/10/11 RETURN DATE: 10/14/11
 LOCATION OF EVENT: CIT: Austin STATE: Texas

PURPOSE OF TRAVEL

- Place an "X" by the applicable purpose of the trip.
- To obtain statutorily required continuing professional education.
 - To obtain continuing education related to an employee's work or maintenance of a license or certification.
 - To testify before legislative bodies, regulatory agencies and commissions, and other forums that may make decisions affecting the County and its affiliated organizations and operations.
 - To participate in professional organizations related to the employee or official's job assignment.
 - To conduct essential research & information-gathering for improvement of County operations or compliance with law.
 - To monitor the development of state or federal legislation or implementation of legislation that might affect the County.
 - To participate in forums, coalitions, & discussions relating to the policy, legislative & regulatory interests of the County.
 - To pursue the County's interests in litigation or criminal justice.
 - To promote the economic development interests of the County.
 - To carry out other purposes determined by Commissioners' Court to be in the interest of the County.

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NEED TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-STATE

Explain the benefits that this trip it will bring to Hidalgo County. Attach an itinerary, agenda, or schedule for the conference and/ or event. If applicable, justify the need for multiple persons traveling to the same event.

To Obtain Continuing Education Hours For OSSF License

| SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES | ESTIMATED EXPENSES | (DBM USE ONLY) FUNDS AVAILABLE BALANCE | MODE OF TRAVEL (Place an "X" by applicable mode of travel) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| 1. REGISTRATION FEE(S) | \$940.00 | | AIRFARE* |
| Subtotal for Object Code 584 | \$940.00 | \$ | BUS** |
| 2. AIRFARE- ROUNDTRIP COACH FARE ONLY | | | Rental Car** |
| 3. TAXI FARE | \$- | | County Vehicle* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. BUS FARE | \$- | | Private Vehicle* |
| 5. RENTAL CAR | \$- | | OTHER** (Specify) |
| 6. GASOLINE/DIESEL/FUEL | | | * If traveling by airplane, the traveler should consider purchasing a refundable fare if possibility of a cancellation exists. |
| 7. MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT | | | |
| 8. TELEPHONE CALLS | \$- | | ** If mode of travel includes bus, rental car, county vehicle, private vehicle, or other form of transportation, a comparison of the savings that will be achieved by not choosing to travel by airplane must be provided with supporting documentation. |
| 9. PARKING | | | |
| 10. LODGING | \$1,421.40 | | |
| 11. MEALS | \$558.00 | | |
| 12. OTHER EXPENSES | | | |
| Subtotal for Object Code 583 | \$1,979.40 | | |
| 13. TOTAL ESTIMATED TRAVEL EXPENSES | \$2,919.40 | \$ | |

PAYMENT:

NOTE: If trip duration is extended to take advantage of lower airfare, a comparison of the savings to the additional estimated cost must be provided with supporting airfare rate documentation.

ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD CERTIFICATION (Place an "X" by each of the certifications)

- I certify that:
- Trip expenses are necessary and will be incurred for official county business.
 - Reasonable efforts to minimize the use of county funds have been explored.
 - Sufficient funds are available within in my department's budget to pay for the related travel expenses without the need of a budget amendment.

If this trip is for out-of-state training, the training is not available in some other form that does not require out-of-state travel.

APPROVED BY ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD: [Signature] DATE: DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON: PHONE NO.:

FOR DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT (DBM) USE ONLY:

TRAVEL IS APPROVED for the individuals listed below:

TRAVEL IS NOT APPROVED for the individuals listed below:

REVIEWED BY (PRINT NAME): DATE: REVIEWER'S SIGNATURE: PHONE NO.:

DBM'S DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL (PRINT NAME): DATE: SIGNATURE OF DBM DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Employees:
 Elizardo Ramos
 033731
 Jose Gonzalez
 095923
 Luis Galvan
 093661

Acct# - 1-1100-441-00-340-001-0-583 Total \$1979.40
 1-1100-441-00-340-001-0-584 Total \$ 940.00

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DEPARTMENT: Hidalgo County Health & Human Services

DEPARTURE DATE: 10/10/2011 RETURN DATE: 10/14/2011

TO CITY: Austin STATE: Texas

NAME OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDING SEMINAR: Jose Gonzalez, Luis Galvan & Elizardo Ramos

TOTAL# OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDING SEM 3

PURPOSE/BENEFIT TO HIDALGO COUNTY:
To Obtain Continuing Education Hours For OSSF License

A. WORKSHOP/SEMINAR REGISTRATION(S)

TITLE OF WORKSHOP/SEMINAR: Texas Environmental Health Association 56th Annual Educational Conference

SPONSORED BY: TEHA

REGISTRATION CHECK PAYABLE TO: TEHA

REGISTRATION ADDRESS: PO BOX 860099 SEMINAR START DATE: 8/11/2011
Plano, TX 75086-0099 SEMINAR END DATE: 8/14/2011
PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____

1. REGISTRATION COST PER EMPLOY \$235.00 NO. OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDING AT THIS RATE: 3


2. REGISTRATION COST PER EMPLOY _____ NO. OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDING AT THIS RATE: _____

3. "FREE REGISTRATION COST": "FREE" NO. OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDING FOR "FREE": _____

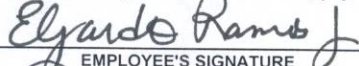
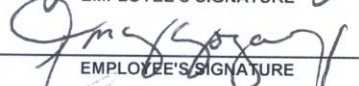
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|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| GL ACCT NO.: | TOTAL NO. OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDING: | |
| TOTAL COST OF SEMINAR (Registration Cost per Employee x Number of Employees Attending) | | \$705.00 |
| <i>(SEE PAGE 2 FOR SECTIONS B, C, & D)</i> | | |
| TOTAL THIS PAGE (A): | | \$705.00 |
| TOTAL 2ND PAGE (B + C + D): | | \$1,421.40 |
| GRAND TOTAL (A + B + C + D): | | \$2,126.40 |

E. CERTIFICATIONS AND EMPLOYEE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that trip expenditures are necessary and will be incurred for official county business. Reasonable efforts to minimize the use of county funds have been explored. The information and estimates provided on this form are true and as accurate as possible. If it becomes necessary to cancel a trip, all necessary cancellations and notices will be made to the applicable vendors and departments in accordance with the Travel Policy, Guidelines, and Procedures. Travelers have read the Travel Policy, Guidelines, and Procedures and understand that failure to cancel reservations for any reasons other than those allowed by the Travel Policy will be at their expense.

| | | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------|
|  | Josie Escalante | 383-6221 |
| DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC OFFICIAL (Signature) | DEPARTMENT'S CONTACT PERSON | PHONE # |

TRAVELER'S AUTHORIZATION: I certify that if it becomes necessary to cancel a trip, all necessary cancellations and notices will be made to the applicable vendors and departments in accordance with the Travel Policy, Guidelines, and Procedures. If I fail to cancel reservations for reasons other than those allowed by Section 17 of the Travel Policy, Guidelines, and Procedures, I authorize the deduction of any travel expenses incurred by the county on my behalf from my payroll check.

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| Elizardo Ramos |  | 033731 |
| EMPLOYEE NAME (PRINT) | EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE | EMPLOYEE NO. |
| Jose Gonzalez |  | 095923 |
| EMPLOYEE NAME (PRINT) | EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE | EMPLOYEE NO. |
| Luis Galvan |  | 093664 |
| EMPLOYEE NAME (PRINT) | EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE | EMPLOYEE NO. |
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B. HOTEL RESERVATION(S)

Note: Use of a travel agency is discouraged. Unless a benefit is achieved by other means, you must use the State of Texas travel management services contract by visiting: www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/stmp/

NAME OF HOTEL: Double Tree HOTEL PHONE NO: 1-512-454-3737
 ADDRESS OF HOTEL: 6505 IH 35 North CONFIRMATION NO.(s): 81569332
Austin, TX 78752
 ROOM RATE: \$103.00 PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____
 NUMBER OF NIGHTS: 4 GENERAL LEDGER ACCT NO: 0-1100-441-00-340-001-0583
 ROOM RATE: \$103.00 TOTAL NO. OF ROOMS: 3
 NUMBER OF NIGHTS: 4
 ROOM RATE: \$103.00 HOTEL TAX RATE: 15.00%
 NUMBER OF NIGHTS: 4
 TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT FOR HOTEL(Daily Room Rate x No. of Rooms x No. of Days x Tax Rate) \$1,421.40

C. CAR RENTAL(S)

Note: Reservations for car rentals made under the name of Hidalgo County are required to be made through the State of Texas travel management services contract by visiting: www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/stmp/

IS A COUNTY VEHICLE ASSIGNED TO YOUR DEPARTMENT? YES / NO _____ IF YES, EXPLAIN REASON FOR NOT UTILIZING IT? Attach memo if more space needed. _____

NAME OF CAR RENTAL COMPANY: _____
 ADDRESS OF CAR RENTAL COMPANY: _____
required for every group of 4 or less employees traveling.
 PHONE NUMBER OF CAR RENTAL COMPANY: _____
 VEHICLE NO. 1 TYPE: _____ VEHICLE NO. 2 TYPE: _____
 DAILY CAR RATE: _____ DAILY CAR RATE: _____
 NUMBER OF DAYS: _____ NUMBER OF DAYS: _____
 CONFIRMATION NO.: _____ CONFIRMATION NO.: _____
 VEHICLE NO. 1 - NAMES OF EMPLOYEES TRAVELING: _____ VEHICLE NO. 2 - NAMES OF EMPLOYEES TRAVELING: _____
 PURCHASE ORDER NO. _____ GL ACCT NO: _____
 TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT FOR CAR RENTAL (Daily Car Rate x No. of Days) \$-

D. AIRFARE(S)

Note: Use of a travel agency is discouraged. Refundable fares should be considered if possibility of a trip cancellation exists.

NAME OF AIRLINE COMPANY: _____
 ADDRESS OF AIRLINE COMPANY: _____
 PHONE NO. OF AIRLINE COMPANY: _____ CONFIRMATION NO.: _____
 ROUND TRIP AIRFARE PER PERSON: _____
 NUMBER OF TRAVELERS: _____
 GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT NUMBER _____ P.O. NO. _____
 TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT FOR AIRLINE COMPANY \$-
 SUBTOTAL (B+C+D) \$1,421.40



Texas Environmental Health Association 56th Annual Educational Conference

October 11-14, 2011
DoubleTree Hotel – Austin

Registration Fees (Please Circle One)
If attending One Day Only, please circle which day you wish to attend

| CONFERENCE REGISTRATION | | Free 2012 Membership if received on or before Oct. 1, 2012. Registration received after Oct. 1, 2011, includes 2012 Membership | Through Oct. 1, 2011 | After Oct. 1, 2011 |
|---|---|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Preconference Training Personal Safety Training Class, Tuesday, October 11 – 1pm – 5pm | | \$25 | \$25 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Full Conference Includes Ice Breaker Wednesday Night and Awards Banquet on Thursday | | \$205 | \$235 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | One Day Only (Wed or Thurs) Please Circle Day of Attendance | | \$175 | \$205 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Animal Services – Thursday Only | | \$75 | \$105 |
| EXTRAS | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extra Awards Banquet Ticket | | \$30 | \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Extra Ice-Breaker Ticket | | \$15 | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fellow Membership Renewal | | \$10 | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Golf (Tuesday, October 11 – (requires separate registration) | | \$45 | \$45 |
| Total Enclosed _____ Check _____ PO _____ Credit Card | | | | \$ _____ |

Name Jose Gonzalez
 Agency/Employer Hidalgo County
 Preferred Mailing Address 1304 S. 25th St
 City/State/Zip Edinburg TX 78541
 Daytime Ph (956) 383-0111 Email Jose.Gonzalez@HCAHD.org

Confirmation will be sent only upon request. Send Reservation Form and payments to:

TEHA
P.O. Box 860099
Plano, TX 75086-0099

Make check payable to TEHA

We want to know how long you have been a member of TEHA. Please indicate what year you joined the Association: _____

Refund Policy:
No refund on registration will be allowed after Monday, October 3, 2011. Registration fees may be used by another person from the same agency or employer for the event for which pre-registration fees were already received. Credit card payment (Visa/Mastercard) will be accepted online at www.myteha.org. For registration information contact:

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972- 461-9644 / Fax 972-429-9066
steve.berry@myteha.org

Purchase order or other payment vouchers may be faxed to 972-429-9066. Early registration rates will be honored if registration forms(s) and purchase order information are received on or before October 1, 2011.

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Name Luis GALVAN Member # 2239
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TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
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Pre-conference Workshop, Tuesday, October 11, 2011

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

“Personal Safety”



Officer Lee Rhinebarger, Community Liaison Officer, Richardson Police Department

Performing inspections and investigations solo or alone, is a normal part of the daily duties of many inspectors. Being alone while performing these duties may increase the possibility of violent attacks occurring while on the job. This course will provide information that will hopefully reduce those risks by offering prevention tips and basic self-defense maneuvers that may help save your life.



TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION 2011 ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Opening Session, Wednesday, October 12, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **"Mission Matters: Leadership in Public Health"**



KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Captain Michael M. Welch, Chief Professional Officer for Environmental Health Officer category for Office of Surgeon General, and Acting Associate Director, OEH, Phoenix Area Indian Health Service

Presentation will cover Commitment to Public Service, Environmental Health professionals working as Agents of Change, Value Added to our programs, and Leadership in Public Health Practice.

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **"Recent Trends and Emerging Trends in Foodborne Illness Litigation"**



Bill Marler, Managing Partner, Marler Clark, LLP, PS

Mr. Marler will discuss current trends in foodborne illness litigation. He will address recent outbreaks, emergence of important "new" foodborne pathogens, the 2010 Food Safety Modernization Act, and efforts to have non-O157 Shiga Toxin *E. coli* (STEC) declared as adulterants in USDA regulated meat.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **"Texas Rapid Response Team"**

Debra Callan, DSHS, Program Specialist, Rapid Response Team

The presentation will detail the actions taken by the FDA with the passage of the food Protection Plan 2007. There are two aspects of the grant parameters: phase one is the formation of a Rapid Response Team (RRT) to effectively and quickly respond to a food-borne illness outbreak anywhere in the State. Phase two is for the State to assess themselves in standing/compliance with the 10 Food Standards contained in the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Standards (MFRPS). This presentation will inform local health departments/partners on what we offer and how we can assist them in an emergency situation. Furthermore, with the new Food Protection bill just passed, all states will ultimately have to meet these standards.



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OSSF Section, Wednesday, October 12, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **"Design Criteria for High Strength BOD on Aerobic Treatment Units"**

Wes Hubert, Sterling Environmental

The presentation will explain what to look for when starting the design process. It will also cover what waste water will consist of and how to design a system that will work.

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **"OSSF Rules Updates"**

James McCaine, On-site Wastewater Team, TCEQ

Presentation will cover the rule making demands of this post-legislative season.

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **"OSSF Updates"**

Mike Price, Engineering Specialist, On-site Sewage Facility Program, TCEQ

Presentation will cover trends in OSSF; Aerobic Treatment Units - approval and identification; Maintenance Provider Licensing - update on implementation; Licensing Issues - Criminal Convictions, Standard of Proof, Recent Actions

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **"The Proper way to do Maintenance & Inspections on Aerobic Sewer Systems (A.T.U.)"**

Toby McDonald, Two Son's Environmental

The presentation will define a maintenance company, and cover what an inspection is comprised of, what the purpose of the contract is and the proper way to complete an inspection.

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **"OSSF Permitting Process"**

James Soderholtz, Victoria City-County Health Department

This presentation is an overview of the OSSF permitting process, and paper work required by TCEQ, and Victoria County to permit and install an onsite system. It will include application procedures, record keeping, complaint investigations, application logs, onsite inspections, and QA file review.

2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **"On-Site Monitoring –21st Century Necessity"**

Wayne Peyton, President of RMSYS Inc.

Since the population is growing denser the arable land remaining that we are building on contains soil that requires alternative treatment systems. Alternative treatment systems require maintenance. Many states, including Texas, have environmental rules in place that require perpetual maintenance of alternative treatment systems. The only way to reliably ascertain that these systems are being maintained is by electronic on-site monitoring. Electronic on-site monitoring gives the regulatory community the ability to check on systems for failures via the internet and see in real time whether or not maintenance providers are actually visiting the sites. True regulatory compliance can only be achieved through the use of electronic on-site monitoring, plus the web based data bases, which are an integral part of electronic on-site monitoring, give the regulatory community many bonuses by saving labor time, paper storage, and tax dollars making the task of providing regulatory oversight within 21st century budgets easier.

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **"Drip Irrigation Disposal- Common Problems and Solutions"**

Keith Surface, Tuff Tiger Products

The presentation will cover the proper way to install the drip lines, common problems that arise during installation and operation and the solutions to those problems.

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **"Maintenance Requirements for OSSF Systems"**

Wendell Baker, BayCorp

The presentation will cover different types of contracts (commercial and residential), and exclusions of the contract, what types of tests are required and when they are required.



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Food Section, Wednesday, October 12, 2011

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"DSHS Milk Program"

Daniel McCreary, Manager, Milk Group/PSQS, DSHS

A look at the DSHS Milk Program and new legislation affecting Milk production and sales in Texas.

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"The Food Establishment Plan Review Process: An Industry Perspective"



Albert Espinoza, R.S., CMQ/OE, Food Safety Programs Manager, Quality Assurance, HEB Company

An explanation of the Food Establishment planning process from an Idea to the completed proposal for a municipal plan review and permitting.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"Grease, Sewers and Community: Connecting the Dots"



Andrew Wiatrek, Supervisor, The Resource Compliance Division, San Antonio Water System

Grease and Water just don't mix. Find out what the San Antonio Water Systems is doing to combat the problem and educate community.



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Code Enforcement Section, Wednesday, October 12, 2011

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **"Ten Most Common Code Violations"**



Danny Mims, City of Royse City Environmental Enforcement

Top ten code violations will cover public education on the following subjects; high grass and weeds, trash and debris, junk vehicles, parking in grass, substandard structures, animal related issues, signs, building without permit, trash cans and illegal dumping

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **"Automotive Related Businesses in Grand Prairie"**



Michael Stanley, Sr. Code Enforcement Officer, Automotive Related Business Program, City of Grand Prairie

The automotive industry is the backbone of the American industrial machine, and the bane of both environmentalists and Code Enforcement. Grand Prairie needed a unique approach to a common problem. We will review the Grand Prairie model, discuss what worked, what didn't and what could be done differently. We will review the historical background, the politics of change, and the reality of implementation of the successful Grand Prairie program

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **"Certified Native Texan-Native vs. Weeds & High Grass"**



Jared Martin, Environmental Review Analyst, Town of Flower Mound

Traditionally, municipalities have adopted ordinances that regulate the height, and in some instances, the composition of plants found. Recently, there seems to be a push toward a more native approach to landscaping. As a result municipalities are beginning to allow for areas that are maintained as native or natural. The days of the well manicured lawn may be giving way to the ideas of native prairies, Xeriscaping, drought tolerant landscaping, and sustainable landscaping. The purpose of this presentation is to discuss traditional high weeds and grass ordinances compared with changes or exceptions that allow for native landscaping. One focus will be on the Town of Flower Mound's approach to this issue and will look at the code changes and policies that have been put in place to allow for alternative maintenance practices in native landscape areas. Plant species and plant identification are key components of this issue; therefore, a portion of the presentation will focus on examples of common native plants, non-native plants, and invasive plants that occur frequently in Texas. Finally, we will discuss several resources that are available to help you deal with the challenges of "native vs. non-native".



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General Environmental Section, Wednesday, October 12, 2011

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"New Innovations in the NSF/ANSI Wastewater Standards World"



Ron Grimes, NSF International, Manager, Regulatory Affairs

He plans to cover information on Standard 350, which focuses on water reuse; and Standard 360, which focuses on wastewater treatment unit field evaluations. Other updates on standards for water tanks and material disposal areas may also be included.

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"Radioactive Contamination Monitoring Strategies for Protecting the Public's Health from Releases from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plants"



Dr. Robert Emery, Vice President, Safety, Health, Environment & Risk Management, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston

Dr. Emery's presentation will cover "the public health issues surrounding the earthquake that affected the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant in Japan, the strategies used to mitigate the effects of releases from this event, and how these same principles can be applied to a similar event locally."

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"Disaster Response in the City of Longview"



Kevin Cummings, Director of Development Services, City of Longview

The City of Longview responds to a variety of disasters. This presentation will cover the role the Environmental Health staff has to support the operations in various events."



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Food Section, Thursday, October 13, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

"The Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) – Background, Present and Future Role in Harmonizing Food Safety Standards"



Margaret Kolk, Technical Trainer, NSF International

Margaret Kolk, Lead Technical Trainer for NSF International, will provide an overview of the history of The Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), the current approved standards and their role in promoting continuous improvements in strengthening the management of food safety systems.

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

"Egg Safety and Salmonella Enteritidis Control"

Deborah Rayhab, Healthcare Marketing Manager, National Pasteurized Eggs

Technology advancements, demographic influx, consumer consumption patterns and emerging pathogens create changes in the supply chain that allow for a constant vigilance for food safety in the food supply chain. Looking at how high risk food products and how people, pathogens and exposure occurs; creates the need for standards and procedures to be put in place to prevent and reduce food borne illness. Food Safety is on everyone's mind. Join us today, as we focus on egg safety and solutions for salmonella enteritidis control.

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

"Legislative updates"



Ruth Hendy, State Standardization Officer, Consumer Safety Section, Regulatory Services, Texas Department of State Health Services

Discussion on the new bills that were passed and have gone into law; SB 81 and HB 3065

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **"Farmers Markets and Local Ordinance Updates"**



Marcel Elzondo, Senior Sanitarian, Austin/Travis County Health & Human Services Department

Farmer's Markets are "sprouting" up in every community. New rules and ordinances have been adopted specifically for the inspection and regulation of the vendors at these markets. This presentation will cover how those laws came to be and how they will affect you as an inspector.

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **"An Overview of Key Features of Commercial Food Equipment Design and Construction and Food Shield Requirements"**



Ron Grimes, Manager, Regulatory Affairs , NSF International

This presentation will cover an awareness level training for food equipment construction found in the food code and the NSF/ANSI Standard 2 including the revised Food Shield Requirements. The presentation is targeted to help the Environmental Health Specialist to be able to recognize only some acceptable basic construction features for commercial food equipment design encountered during routine food safety inspections. Because of the time limitation, only some key identifiable features can be covered and the ability to comprehensively evaluate food equipment to the full construction standard is not the intended outcome.

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **"The Challenges Faced: Food Safety & Import Operations"**

Sylvia Gaytan, Public Affairs Specialist, FDA

I will discuss the challenges faced by FDA with the enormous amount of shipments imported into the United States. The regulations that are in place and those pending to be implemented. Import operations and procedures and the importance of partnership with State and local health departments.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **"SAPD and Metro Health: Mobile Vending Collaboration"**



Lori Calzoncit, R.S., San Antonio Metro Health District

SA Metro Health has joined forces with the San Antonio Police Department to battle the illegal mobile food vendors. Sanitaricians have trained Police officers, and police officers have assisted on late night sweeps of problem areas. The program has proven to be very successful.



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Code Enforcement Section, Thursday, October 13, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

"Basic Code Enforcement"



Bill Whitley, Code Enforcement Supervisor, City of Abilene

Basic code enforcement will include the defining code enforcement along with the history, and benefits of the program to society, various job and the practices and procedures of Abilene's program. It will also cover the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights and Texas Municipal Government pertaining to code enforcement.

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

"How to Market Your Code Enforcement Program: The Value of Strategic Promotion"



Don Magner, Director of Community Services. City of Richardson

Traditional code enforcement programs are no longer sufficient in dynamic communities. To prosper, code programs must be multi-faceted and encourage partnerships and communication. Successful code professionals must constantly promote and market the value of their programs. The City of Richardson has adopted an aggressive campaign to change the way people think about the profession of code enforcement. There are many lessons to be learned from Richardson's experience, which will be the focus of the presentation

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

"Legal Updates & Courtroom Procedure"



Whitt Wyatt, Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith, LLP, Attorneys At Law

Legal Updates - An overview of recent legislation and regulations affecting municipalities with an emphasis on environmental health and code enforcement.

Courtroom Procedure - An overview of municipal court procedures with an in-depth discussion on officer case preparation and testimony at trial.

1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"The Benefits of Partnership with Code Enforcement"

(30 minute break at 2:30)



Michael Halpern, Director, Community Initiatives, Safeguard Properties

Brandon Kirkham, President Compliance Connections, Safeguard Properties

The presentation will give an overview of and introduction to Safeguard Properties. It will include general mortgage servicing guidelines, the role of property preservation companies in communities, legal authorities and limitations, monthly visual occupancy verification and property condition inspections – exterior and interior, securing properties, personal property vs. debris, yard maintenance, photo documentation and reporting, quality control, initiatives, vacant property registration ordinances, model ordinance, good neighbor program, compliance connections, new solutions for communication and collaboration, benefits to code enforcement operations, improvements to operations – efficiency and transparency, and expediting compliance

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"A Snake in the Grass"



Danny Mims, City of Royse City Environmental Enforcement

Snake in the grass will cover the investigation of illegal dumping. It will include taking the call, arriving at the location, who-what-when-where, who will clean, taking the case to court , case review of a felony offence and problems with courts and district attorneys



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"Environmental Health Roles in the Gulf Oil Spill"



Tim Hatch, Environmental Supervisor, Environmental Program Director for Center for Emergency Preparedness, Alabama Department of Public Health

Tim will discuss the role of the State Department of Health in the response to the Deepwater Horizon spill that occurred last year.

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

"Career Opportunities in Environmental Health"



Brian Collins, Director of Health, City of Plano

Environmental health and protection is the art and science of protecting against environmental factors that adversely affect human health or ecological balances. Such things as air, food, water, radiation, toxic chemicals, disease vectors, safety hazards and habitat are all encompassed by environmental health. So where are the jobs?"

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

"The Status of Terrestrial Rabies in Texas"



Dr. Earnest (Skip) Oertli, D.V.M., Zoonosis Control, Texas Department of State Health Services

The management strategies used to control terrestrial rabies in Texas has proven extremely effective. Texas has documented three endemic terrestrial rabies variants – domestic dog-coyote; Texas gray fox; and south central skunk. Combining mandated domestic pet vaccinations with oral rabies vaccination of wildlife has resulted in some notable results. Active and passive surveillance is on-going and has demonstrated excellent "herd immunity" in the targeted wildlife populations with the oral vaccine being used. On the horizon is a new human adenovirus vaccine and bait that is effective in addressing the south central skunk variant. Texas' last domestic dog-coyote rabies variant case was in March 2004. The last Texas fox variant case was in May 2009. The long range rabies management strategies in Texas includes moving resources to better control or eliminate south central skunk rabies.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **"Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Program: How it benefits your community."**



Donald A. "Jet-Eye" Loucks, Hazardous Material Preparedness Officer, Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety

The HMEP program provides, through a federal grant, HAZMAT training for first responders and Commodity Flow Studies for communities to determine how much HAZMAT flows through their area and enables them to prepare assets for a HAZMAT incident. Mr. Loucks will describe the program process to win a grant for a CFS and how to acquire HAZMAT training.

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **"Roundtable Discussion & Legislative Updates"**

Geoff Heinicke, Environmental Health Manager, City of Longview, Ben Stobnicki, Code Enforcement Officer, City of Mt. Pleasant, Cindy Corley, Environmental Health Manager, City of Garland

Some of the topics to be discussed are the new "Cottage Baking Bill" that was passed by the Legislature, the Farmers Market conditions that were included, Swimming pool/Interactive water features issues, and a "burning issues/share your ideas" session - an opportunity for folks to discuss issues that they have encountered in their jurisdictions and what others are doing in similar situations.

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **"Why Integrated Pest Management is Important to Know from an Enforcement Perspective"**



Janet Hurley, Extension Program Specialist- School IPM, Texas AgriLife Extension

Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, is a strategy of managing pests using multiple tactics that provide the best control with the least cost and environmental impact. IPM is based on a thorough knowledge of the pests and the technologies used to control them. A good IPM program can make a school, apartment complex, or home less attractive to pests. Environmental modifications, pest proofing, biological control, education, and when necessary, the use of low impact pesticides can improve pest control and maintain good indoor air quality. Since 1995, all public schools in Texas have been required to have an IPM program; however, often times when you go into inspect a school you don't see evidence of this. How can you help ensure schools are paying attention to their IPM program as well? This session will cover some of the basics of IPM, more importantly it will cover what is required by the TX Dept. of Agriculture or for childcare facilities, what is required by TDA and Family and Protective Services.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"Where Have All the Vector Control Programs Gone?"



Captain Michael Herring, Senior Environmental Health Scientist, CDC National Center for Environmental Health

This presentation will cover funding issues that surround local vector control programs. He will also include information about some current projects that he has been working on.



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Animal Control Section, Thursday, October 13, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

"Wild and Exotic Animals Calls from the Public: Answers and Actions"



Dr. Thomas deMaar, Senior Veterinarian at the Gladys Porter Zoo

Dr. deMaar, a veterinarian with 20 years experience with wildlife and zoo medicine will present a series of short topics addressing common issues in the wild animal/public sector interface. Topic one: Exotic pets: reasons, rescues and regulations. Topic two: The public finds a baby wild bird or mammal and calls you for help. What do you tell them? Topic three: Oil spill affected wildlife; reporting it and how the official response takes place. Topic four: Red eared turtles for sale on your corner; CDC outlaws.

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

"Animal Cruelty"



Charles Jantzen, Chief Cruelty Investigator for the Houston SPCA

In this presentation, attendees will be exposed to the laws affecting animals in the State of Texas. A variety of example cases will be discussed in which animals have been cruelly treated by their owners and Texas laws have been utilized to create change in these animal's lives. Attendees will learn to identify some of the challenges which will be faced when investigating animal cruelty and learn effective ways to overcome these common challenges.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

"Cough, Cough I'm sick - Respiratory Disease in Shelter Settings"



Mark Stickney, DVM, Director of General Surgery Services, Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

This course provides an in-depth look at upper respiratory diseases complex in cats and "kennel cough" complex in dogs; etiological agents, modes of transmission, clinical signs, diagnosis and treatment, prevention and containment in the shelter setting.

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"Answering the Call to Some Common Pests That You May Encounter"

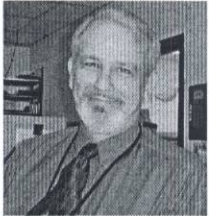


Janet Hurley, Extension Program Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension

The animal control officer is often referred to as the "dog catcher" however, we understand that in some communities, animal control is really about helping citizens deal with a variety of problems. This session will cover some of the common pests people have trouble with in their homes or businesses. Learn what you can do to help with these types of problems from swarming bees, to rodents and everything else between. This session will cover some easy steps to help eliminate or prevent these pests from invading a building and causing more problems.

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"Rabies Updates"



Dr. Tom J. Sidwa, DVM, MPH, Manager, Zoonosis Control Branch, DSHS

Dr. Sidwa's presentation will cover the history of rabies in Texas, 2010 rabies data, rabies trends in Texas during the first quarter of 2011, and changes to post-exposure rabies treatment guidelines.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"Animal Control as a Part of Environmental Health : Plans for Success, With Less"

Joe Tilger, Environmental Services Manager, City of Rowlett

Most Animal Control Departments are a part of Environmental Health Agencies with major goals for Public Safety and Zoonosis Control. The presentation is a look at functions of Animal Control, mandated regulations and the increasing demands from the Public and Humane Organizations. An analysis of Public Health practices compared to Humane philosophies and Public opinion in Animal related situations. A review of required certifications, training and licenses for Animal Control Agencies along with some examples of Success, Stress and ideas for adapting with new budgets.



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Closing Session, Friday, October 14, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **Sanitarian Advisory Committee Meeting**

This meeting is open to all

The purpose of the committee is to provide advice to the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission in the area of rules regarding registered professional sanitarians.

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **"Environmental Health Passion"**



Bob Custard, R.E.H.S, Environmental Health Manager Alexandria Health Department

In a time of budget cuts and furloughs, it is sometimes hard to remember WHY we chose Environmental Health as a profession. Working in Environmental Health was once fun, but now more often it is just stressful. As BB King says, "The thrill is gone!" Join Bob Custard as he shares Environmental Health stories illustrating seven ways to reignite your desire to creatively and PASSIONATELY practice Environmental Health in ways that make a difference.

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **"TRA - Going Green"**

Joe Welge, Culvers of the Woodlands

The presentation will cover how the restaurant industry can be a focal point for the green movement. TRA and City of Austin are working on a zero impact to landfills program. Working together this focus group is trying to prevent anything from going into the landfill including protein, table scraps and prep waste. Joe will discuss some of the challenges and resolutions they have faced working on this zero impact program.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **"Doing More with Less? A Challenge and an Opportunity"**



Mel Knight, President, National Environmental Health Association

"Doing more with less" is more of a slogan than a reality. 'Doing things differently with less' is a more accurate description. Mel Knight will draw upon more than thirty years of environmental health program development experience to cite specific examples of successful (as well as some failed) initiatives to streamline and provide program efficiencies. The presentation will include strategies for decreasing costs, better utilization of existing resources and augmentation of revenues.

This 'great recession' has created hardship for environmental health programs, but these challenges are not unprecedented. Revenue and resource reductions are not uncommon, and many jurisdictions have developed effective and efficient strategies for reinventing or reengineering their programs to cope with and even grow during hard times. Mel will share case studies and actual program experiences to provide tools and options that can be employed to ensure program quality and even excellence in spite of traditional revenue reductions.

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Signing Certificates of Attendance**



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Check-In date: 10 Oct 2011
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Rate Information:

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 Rate per night: 103.00 USD

Total for Stay per Room:
 Rate (USD) 412.00
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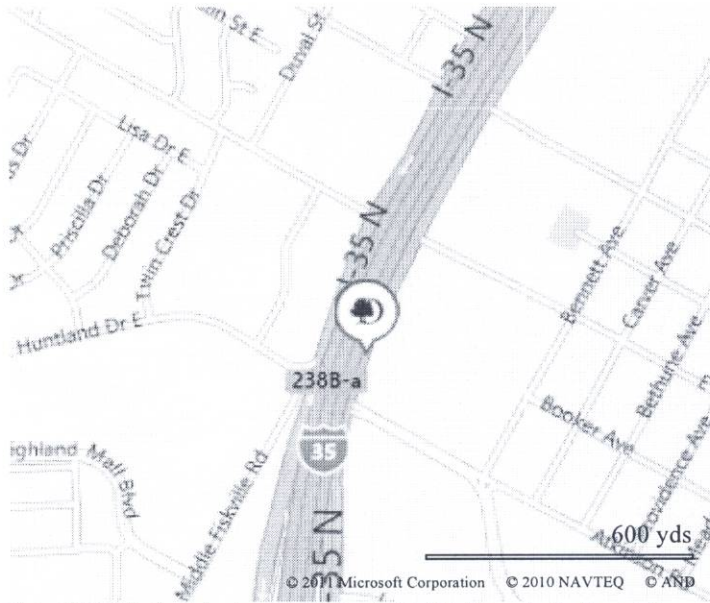
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