

CAL/EPA ENFORCEMENT TRAINING TEAM

Summary of Activities 2014

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 2014:

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
Dylan Seidner	State Water Resources Control Board	Environmental Scientist	4/13 - present
Monica DeAnda	Dept. of Pesticide Regulation	Environmental Scientist	4/13 – present
Leta Forland	Dept. of Resources Recycling and Recovery	Integrated Waste Management Specialist	7/13 - present

II. ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

1) Cal/EPA Basic Inspector Academy (BIA)

The Training Team held nine BIAs, teaching 225 students across the state 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 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

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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.

Date: **Aug 13 - 16**
Location: Davis, CA
Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District
Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Heidi DAgostino (Yolo District Attorney Investigator), Ken Stuart (CalRecycle) Tom Raschke , Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Matt Maclear (Cal/EPA), Diane Taira (Solano County Deputy District Attorney)
Student Numbers: 30

Date: **Sept 17 - 20**
Location: Clearlake, CA
Clearlake Council Chambers
Team instructors: Dustin Goto, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Matt Carr (CDAA Circuit Prosecutor)
Facilitators: Dustin Goto, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda
Student Numbers: 12

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Date: Oct 8 -11
Locations: Santa Ana, CA
Orange County Public Works Training Room

Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Monica DeAnda, James McConnell (Orange County District Attorney Investigator), Laura Holk (REHS, Riverside County), Dylan Seidner, William Fallon (Orange County Deputy District Attorney)

Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Monica DeAnda, Tome Raschke, Dylan Seidner

Student Numbers: 31

Date: Nov 19 - 22
Location: El Centro, CA
DTSC El Centro Office

Team instructors: Alan Ito, Tom Raschke, Laurie Holk (REHS, Riverside County), Glenn Forman (DTSC), Dale Hoy (Riverside County Deputy District Attorney)

Facilitators: Alan Ito, Glen Forman (DTSC), Tom Raschke

Student Numbers: 17

Date: Jan 14 -17
Locations: San Jose, CA
San Jose Roosevelt Community Center

Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Mike Zeiss (CDPR), Tina Nunes-Ober (Santa Clara Deputy District Attorney), Matt Maclear (Cal/EPA)

Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto

Student Numbers: 25

Date: Feb 24 – 27
Location: Chino, CA
Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Douglas Poston and Dan Lough (San Bernardino County Deputy District Attorney)

Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda

Student Numbers: 16

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Date: Mar 11 - 14
Location: Marysville, CA
Yuba County Library
Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Tom Raschke, Robert Nichols (CADD Circuit Prosecutor), Matt Maclear (Cal/EPA)
Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Tom Raschke
Student Numbers: 15

Date: Apr 15 -18
Location: Fresno, CA
CRWQCB –Fresno Branch Office
Team instructors: Alan Ito, Tom Raschke, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Janet Gardner (Fresno County Health) Edward Browne (Fresno County Deputy District Attorney), Rodney Blaco (Tulare County Deputy District Attorney)
Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Tom Raschke
Student Numbers: 23

Date: May 15 -18
Location: Santa Barbara, CA
Santa Barbara County APCD
Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Tom Raschke, Robert Nichols (CDAA Circuit Prosecutor)
Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Tom Raschke
Student Numbers: 29

Date: Jun 24 -27
Location: Fairfield, CA
Solano County DA's Office
Team instructors: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Tom Raschke, Diane Taira (Solano County Deputy District Attorney), Celeste Kaisch (San Joaquin County Deputy District Attorney)
Facilitators: Alan Ito, Dustin Goto, Dylan Seidner, Monica DeAnda, Tom Raschke
Student Numbers: 27

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Cal/EPA Basic Inspector Academy Summary

County Location	# Students	Air	Water	Pesticides	Solid Waste	Haz. Waste/UST/CUPA	Non-government
Alameda	7				5	2	
Butte	2					2	
Contra Costa	7			4	1	2	
Fresno	15		9	3		3	
Glenn	1	1					
Imperial	13		1	9		3	
Lassen	1	1					
Los Angeles	20		2		10	8	
Madera	1			1			
Marin	1			1			
Mendocino	4	1				3	
Monterey	1	1					
Napa	3			3			
Orange	16		9	2		5	
Plumas	1			1			
Riverside	1				1		
Sacramento	31	7	8	6	3	7	
San Bernardino	3					3	
San Diego	10	1	1			8	
San Joaquin	3					3	
Santa Clara	17		10	1		6	
Santa Barbara	12	5				7	
Solano	8			3		5	
Sonoma	4			3		1	
Tulare	4			2		2	
Ventura	3			3			
Yolo	4	4					
Yuba	2					2	
Washoe, NV	1	1					
Non-government	9						9
Cal/EPA	18	2	3	4	4	5	
Totals	225	24	43	48	24	77	9

Quotes from Student Evaluations:

“Impressed with speakers and information presented”; “All speakers were well prepared”; “I will be using this information in the field”; “This will improve my inspections and reports.”

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. In 2014 the hard copy, paper survey was replaced by the use of an online survey and a new follow up online survey was sent to students 6 months

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after they took the class. For additional information on the course, see:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Training/>.

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

544 students enrolled in the FIC as of November 6, 2014. This 6 hour course contains an overview of Cal/EPA Boards, Departments 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.
[\(http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Training/\)](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Training/).

II. Environmental Enforcement Training Coordination Forum

The Forum members consist of: the CUPA Forum Board, California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association, Cal/EPA, the Western States Project, US EPA, the California District Attorney Association, Department of Parks and Recreation, POST, and CSTI and is chaired by Alan Ito. The mission of this Forum is to coordinate, consolidate, and make consistent environmental enforcement training. The Forum met in August and April, 2014.