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TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

Subject: State/County Weights and Measures Training Development

On February 22, 2007, Coast and Sacramento Valley Deputy Sealers and Division of Measurement Standards (DMS) staff met to share ideas for developing a cooperative State/County Training Program.

As a result, on March 19, 2007, DMS will begin collecting data through a secured webpage where county and state staff can enter training needs and priorities; and their experienced trainers, equipment and other assets (specialty businesses, facilities, etc) they are willing to share.

From the information gathered a report and tracking system will be built to assist us in determining future training needs.

Mark Hanson, Chief Deputy Sealer of Sonoma County, has provided their training resource list for you to use as an example of information we will collect.

We are asking all sealers and state program managers to participate in the data collection effort. Ron Flores will coordinate this project. You can reach Ron at (916) 229-3045 or via email at RFlores@cdfa.ca.gov if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis R. Johannes".

Dennis R. Johannes,
Director

Enclosure

cc: Ed Williams, Director, County Liaison Office

Model Example of:

Training Program Assets

SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma County is prepared to contribute the following assets to the State – County Strategic Training Program:

Staff

- Experienced Staff with advanced skills in Electric Meters, LPG, Heavy Capacity, and Price Verification.
- Staff with training in: Advocate, Hearing Officer, Regulatory Investigative Techniques, Metrology, and technical job duties.
- Staff Backgrounds include: Marketing, Training, Administration of Justice, Database development.
- Active Deputy District Attorney and DA Investigator who will contribute.

Facilities

- Conference Room that accommodates 30 people.
- QC Lab accommodates 15.
- Water meter bench with access for 10.
- Electric and Vapor Meter Lab accommodates 5.
- Close access to Hwy 101.
- Nearby restaurants for lunch, motels for overnights.

Equipment

- FS – 9 Electric Meter Standard.
- 5 Cu Ft Bell Prover.
- 100 and 21-Gallon LPG Prover.
- 100 -Gallon Petroleum Prover.
- 300 -Gallon Milk Tank Prover.
- 60,000 Lb Weight Truck with crane and Trailer.
- Lab Supplies: Full Range of Graduates – English and metric units, 3000 gram digital scale, hydrometers, thermometers, displacement beakers,
- 1 – Quart motor oil beaker, circumference tape measure, 1 and 4 cu ft dry measures.
- 300 Lb, 66 Lb capacity QC scales.
- 4 Unit Petroleum Test Truck, 3 Unit Petroleum Test Trailer.
- 10 Station Water Meter Test Bench with 10 and 100 Gallon Standards.
- 5 – Gallon Slicker Plate Standard.

Industry

- Field training can be held at various wineries, batch plants, LPG distributors, fish docks, food processors, wholesale and retail businesses.

- Weightronix and Hobart Scale Companies willing to participate.

Model Example of:

Outside Resources to Contact

- PG & E Utility Meter Service Center, Fremont, for a tour.
- PG& E Utility Fraud Division. Demonstration on diversion of utilities.
- TEECO Products, West Sacramento, for an LPG Workshop.
- Oil Refinery: how fuels are made, how quality problems are prevented, and remedied.
- Consumer Law District Attorney's Association, for a workshop on investigations and case management.
- Other regulatory agencies with concurrent jurisdiction: FDA, USDA, Health Department, etc.

Model Example of:

Training Requests

- DMS Metrology: Maintenance of Standards
- DMS Weighmaster: Tare Verifications, Certificate and License Requirements, worksheets, dba statements, common problems with specific commodities; Quantity Determination of Bulk Commodities. Other Agency Requirements: Fish & Game, CalTrans.
- Regulatory Investigative Techniques.
- Administrative Penalty Process; Advocate; Hearing Officer.
- QC Laboratory Standards and Management.
- QC – Variety of difficult-to-test commodities: Ice Glazed Food, Temperature Sensitive Products, Cosmetics, Motor oil, Paints, Compressed Gasses. Dimensional Measurements (thickness).
- Electronic Devices – Audit Trails, security measures, manipulation.