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AGENDA: 2/12/02

January 31, 2002

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission for calendar year 2001. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairperson to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,


JANET K. BEAUTZ, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 31, 2002

Board Of Supervisors
Santa Cruz County
701 Ocean Street
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RE: Annual Report of the Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission (HMAC)

Dear Members of the Board;

Please find attached the Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission's Annual Report for 2001. The Report summarizes the activities of the HMAC for the past year. The Commission members and staff have given time and expertise to the review of a myriad of issues relating to Hazardous Materials in the County of Santa Cruz.

Please feel free to contact the Commission if you would like further information regarding the Annual Report.

Sincerely,

Scott Hamby, Chair
Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission

Attachment 2001 Annual Report

cc: Gayle Ortiz, Mayor
City of Capitola
Christopher Krohn, Mayor
City of Santa Cruz
Stephany Aguilar, Mayor
City of Scotts Valley
Betty Bobeda, Mayor
City of Watsonville
Farm Bureau
Santa Cruz County Fire Chiefs Association
Central Labor Council
League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County

**Santa Cruz County
Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission
2001 Annual Report
January 2002**

ROLE OF THE COMMISSION

The Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission (HMAC) was established under the authority of government Code Section 31000.1, and in compliance with Section 2.38.060 of the Santa Cruz County Code. Pursuant to Section 2.92.050, the HMAC is empowered to advise the Board of Supervisors on the initial and continuous implementation of the County's Hazardous Materials Ordinance. This includes effective methods of public information and education on all other matters pertaining to the use, transportation, handling and storage of toxic materials in the County.

MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION

HMAC meetings were held on a bi-monthly schedule throughout 2001. The meetings were held at 4:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, and on the third Thursday in November. At its September meeting, in an effort to increase meeting attendance, the Commission voted to change the meeting times to 9:00 AM. The final meeting of 2001 was held at this new time on Thursday November 17. Meetings are held at the County Buildings at 1080 Emeline Avenue. The mailing address for the HMAC is in care of the Health Services Agency, Environmental Health Service at 701 Ocean Street, Room 312, Santa Cruz.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE

The HMAC consists of 15 positions, residents of Santa Cruz County, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Following is a list of the year 2001 HMAC representatives:

Scott Hamby	City of Scotts Valley Representative (Chair)
Scott Carson	City of Capitola Representative
Dan Whatley	City of Santa Cruz Representative
Vacant	City of Watsonville Representative
Kevin Larkin	Agriculture
Ilse KOLBUS-LOPES	Community Representative
Dan Reed	Labor
Steven Tronick	Chemist (Vice Chair)
Carl Walker	Environmental Interest
Tony Warman	Community Representative
Vacant	Health Care Provider
Vacant	Law Enforcement
Vacant	Community Representative
Vacant	Industry
Steven Schneider	Staff to Commission

ATTENDANCE

See Attachment A

ACOMPLISHMENTS OF COMMISSION

- Reviewed the use of MTBE in gasoline and made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding a possible ban or reduction of its use in Santa Cruz County.
- Continued to review and assess hazardous materials issues forwarded by the Board of Supervisors.
- Continued to monitor hazardous materials and environmental issues related to legislative changes to assess their impact on Santa Cruz County.
- Continued oversight of the County's Household Hazardous Waste drop-off program.
- Supported the Environmental Health Services, Hazardous Materials website to assist in the County's public education program.
- Kept abreast of Environmental Health Services activities related to hazardous materials.
- Reviewed and considered alternatives for funding of emergency response to hazardous materials incidents in Santa Cruz County.
- Pursued Memorandum of Understanding for local Level II response with the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District. The MOU was approved by the County, California State Parks, University of California at Santa Cruz, and the Cities of: Capitola, Santa Cruz, and Scotts Valley.
- Closely monitored rising concern of MTBE contamination in County water.
- The Commission decided to no longer monitor Green Business Programs.

2002 Goals of the Commission

- Continue to review and assess hazardous materials issues forwarded by the Board of Supervisors.
- Continue to monitor hazardous materials and environmental issues related to legislative changes to assess their impact on Santa Cruz County.
- Pursue universal adoption of Chapter 7.100 of the Santa Cruz County Hazardous Materials Ordinances by all cities in the County.
- Track Level II hazardous materials response capabilities and track the kinds of incidents and problems that may arise out of the MOU's implementation.
- Continue oversight of Household Hazardous Waste program.
- Monitor the countywide pesticide ban and provide comment.
- Seek resolution to the fact that the Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Services does not currently have copies of historical UST/Clean-up files previously overseen by the City of Watsonville Fire Department.

- Explore the possibility of leaking underground storage tank contamination at Watsonville City Airport, similar to what has been found in Monterey.
- Monitor risk factors associated with potential biological/chemical terrorism activities.
- Monitor UST Program including residential.
- Survey fuel suppliers to confirm that delivery is made to compliant UST's only.
- Monitor MTBE phase out (December 31,2002).
- Determine if local jurisdictions consider the threat of hazardous material releases when conducting emergency training exercises.
- Monitor efforts for aquifer and wellhead protection and cleanup of groundwater contamination within the County.