

Audit Summary

Sunset Packing & Cooling

Brentwood, California

Accident History:

The facility has not had an incident related to the regulated CalARP materials in the last five years.

Introduction

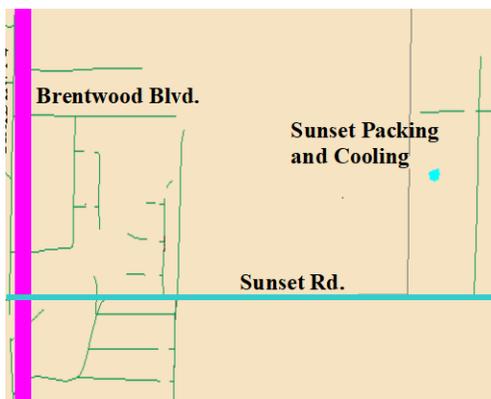
Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Programs (CCHSHMP) conducted a comprehensive audit/inspection of the policies and procedures developed by Sunset Packing & Cooling (Sunset) located at 830 Sunset Road, Brentwood. This audit, conducted in the winter of 2018, was performed to assess compliance with the California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program. The CalARP program requires the development of prevention programs such as maintenance, operating procedures, contractor safety, personnel training, incident investigations, and understanding hazards at the plant. The inspection also examines the management systems to implement these programs and the plant's emergency response program to make sure that the plant is prepared to respond to an emergency involving a hazardous chemical.

During a comprehensive CalARP audit for a facility like Sunset, CCHMP reviews individual safety programs by answering up to 110 questions. The CCHMP 2018 CalARP audit at Sunset resulted in 8 corrective actions for Sunset to implement and roughly 9 other items that are not required but may assist in accident prevention.

Based on our audit/inspection, some prevention programs need improvement to meet the regulatory requirements. Identified below are some notable issues found, both good and bad.

Notable Items:

- **Management:** CCHMP found that the facility has transitioned a lot of the management documentation to an online depository where it manages both documentation and recommendations.
- **Training:** Employees receive training on the Operating Procedures as well as specialized offsite training. The offsite ammonia training is a significant improvement and best practice that the facility has implemented.
- **Maintenance:** The facility has implemented many preventative maintenance and inspections performed on the ammonia cooling system. The facility needs to review its current maintenance program related to specialized equipment to ensure it is adequate. The facility uses onsite operators to monitor and detect issues with the system. At the same time, experienced mechanics perform corrective maintenance and preventative maintenance.
- **Hazard Review:** The facility completed a revalidation study in 2015 to ensure that the ammonia refrigeration systems have all the necessary safeguards in place. However, improvement is needed in documenting the resolutions implemented. CCHS found that some recommendations have not been completed and were past the 2.5-year regulatory due date.



Additional Information

To review the complete safety audit report, visit the Brentwood Library at 104 Oak Street, Brentwood, CA 94513 or call 925-335-3200 for an appointment to view the report at CCHMP's offices

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