Introduction
Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Programs (CCHMP) conducted a comprehensive audit/inspection of the policies, and procedures developed by Ramar International Corp., Ice Cream Plant (Ramar), located at 1101 Railroad Lane in Pittsburg. This audit, conducted in the fall of 2015, 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 in place 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 Ramar, CCHMP reviews individual safety programs through answering up to 110 questions. The CCHMP 2015 CalARP audit at Ramar resulted in 6 corrective actions for Ramar to implement, and 9 other suggestions that are not required, but may assist in improving accident prevention.

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

Notable Items:

• **Management**: The facility has prevention programs in place and is well organized, but the policies need to be updated to include descriptions of the programs.

• **Self-Audit**: The facility has conducted a compliance audit; however, documentation of actions stemming from compliance audit report findings is needed.

• **Training**: The facility has implemented a training program for its ammonia system operation; however, refresher training has not been consistently documented.

• **Maintenance**: Regular preventive maintenance is being performed. The regular checks of ammonia sensors can be improved.

• **Security and Vulnerability Assessment**: The facility needs to develop a system to track and address open recommendations from past Security Vulnerability Assessments and that a management system needs to be in place to track CalARP-related Security Vulnerability Assessment requirements.

• **Emergency Response**: Employees are aware of and trained on the evacuation procedures; however, holding drills for evacuations and shelter-in-place events on a set frequency may improve employee awareness.

Additional Information
To review the complete safety audit report, visit the Pittsburg Library at 80 Power Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565, or call 925-335-3200 for an appointment to view the report at CCHMP’s office, which is located at 4585 Pacheco Blvd., Suite 100, Martinez, CA, 94553.

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