Audit Summary
Safeway Beverage Plant
Richmond, California

Introduction
Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Programs (CCHMP) conducted a comprehensive audit/inspection of the policies, and procedures developed by Safeway Beverage Plant (Safeway) located at 1921 San Joaquin St. in Richmond. This audit, conducted in the winter of 2016, 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.

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

During a comprehensive CalARP audit for a facility like Safeway CCHMP reviews individual safety programs through answering up to 164 questions. The CCHMP 2016 CalARP audit at Safeway resulted in 25 corrective actions for Safeway to implement, and roughly 13 other items that are not required, but may assist in accident prevention.

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

Notable Items:
- **Management**: A system needs to be put into place for the overall implementation of CalARP Program elements. This system also needs to track reoccurring study dates to ensure they are done on time. The organizational chart needs to be updated.
- **Safety Information**: Safety Information needs to be updated. Items that need updating include: maximum inventory, codes and standards, and upper and lower limits of the process.
- **Training**: Training needs to be completed for operations refresher training, contractors working on the ammonia process, and documentation needs to be provided for initial training and for operators working at the site prior to 1999.
- **Maintenance**: Maintenance Activities for equipment need to be tracked for each separate piece of equipment in the ammonia process. All checklist used during maintenance activities need to be updated to ensure they include all maintenance activities required.
- **Incident Investigation**: Incident Investigations need to occur for all qualifying ammonia incidents. The results of investigations need to be compiled in a report and action items tracked to completion.
- **Hazard Review**: A hazard review needs to be completed for the facility. This also includes completing an SVA and seismic assessment. Action items from previous seismic assessments need to be completed.

Additional Information
To review the complete safety audit report, visit the Richmond Library at 325 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804 or call 925-335-3200 for an appointment to view the report at CCHMP’s offices.

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