Introduction
Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Programs (CCHMP) conducted a comprehensive audit/inspection of the policies, and procedures developed by Whole Foods Distribution (Whole Foods) located at 6035 Giant Rd in Richmond. This audit, conducted in the summer of 2017, 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 Whole Foods, CCHMP reviews individual safety programs through answering up to 110 questions. The CCHMP 2017 CalARP audit at Whole Foods resulted in 10 corrective actions for Whole Foods to implement, and 11 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:** Whole Foods needs to ensure that the RMP is updated to more accurately reflect the programs at the site.

• **Hazard Review:** The action items from the PHA and Seismic study need to be completed. The Security Vulnerability Assessment needs to include law enforcement.

• **Training:** Whole Foods needs to make sure initial and refresher training on operating procedures is completed and documented for technicians operating the ammonia process.

• **Maintenance:** Whole Foods needs to develop equipment files and maintenance activities for equipment need to be tracked for each separate piece of equipment in the ammonia process in these files.

Additional Information
To review the complete safety audit report, visit the Main Richmond Library at 325 Civic Center Plaza or the San Pablo Library at 13571 San Pablo Ave, or call 925-335-3200 for an appointment to view the report at CCHMP’s offices

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